



## Celebrating Dewi Sant!

THESE three young ladies in national costume were all dressed up for St David's Day in a Porthcawl primary school.

Local photographer Malcolm Nugent visited the school as the pupils prepared for the day's special eisteddfod.

(SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE PICTURES).



# Porthcawl bust up on regeneration?

BCBC 'KEEPING COUNCIL IN THE DARK'

A BUST-UP is on the cards between Porthcawl Town Council and the county borough over the town's regeneration.

The town council decided at its February meeting to organise a public meeting on regeneration - in response to increased agitation in the town on the subject.

No public meeting has taken place since 2007, and residents have been lobbying councillors

about being kept in the dark.

The town council has itself claimed to have been excluded from discussion and has also asked for an increase in its representation on the Regeneration Forum.

As a result of the decision to call a meeting, town clerk Alison Leyshon e-mailed Louise Fradd, who is the director of Communities at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC), informing her of the council's intention to

by JAYNE  
ISAAC

hold a meeting and inviting her and regeneration officer Andrew Parry Jones to attend.

Miss Leyshon then asked Ms Fradd for a list of dates when she would be available so that the meeting could be organised to suit her.

But in her reply, which is included in the papers being considered at the council meeting tonight, Thursday, Ms Fradd

makes no mention at all of the meeting and does not respond to the invitation to attend.

Instead, she says that the following "consultation" was being planned within the next two to four months:

- An exhibition on the retail proposals - the new Tesco store.

- A special edition of the council's Bulletin newsletter for Porthcawl only that will outline the proposals and timescales.

- A meeting of the regeneration forum.

- A further newsletter to shopkeepers.

Council leader David Deere said he was very angry at the tone of the reply.

"This is extremely discourteous," he said. "It is officer-speak. She has just ignored our invitation to attend the meeting."

"She talks about consultation - well, in my book, consultation is a two-way street. What she is talking about is information - telling people what BCBC wants to happen. It's not good enough."

Coun Deere said that the town council would press ahead with its meeting.

"This has been agreed by all parties on the council and it will be taking place with or without BCBC representatives."

"If they choose not to attend to answer the valid questions that Porthcawl residents would like to ask, then it will reflect very badly on their claims to have consulted the people of the town."

"This regeneration scheme will affect every person living in Porthcawl, and their descendants for generations to come, and I am shocked that the officers employed by the council to carry out this scheme are apparently unwilling to come to a meeting with local people. What are they afraid of?"

Coun Deere said that he will be telling Porthcawl Town Council tonight of his disappointment at the attitude being displayed to a democratically elected body like the town council.

"We will now go ahead and select a date and issue invitations to BCBC officers and borough councillors."

"Unless we are very careful, we could be sleep walking into decisions taken by officers which local people have had no input into."

After The GEM asked BCBC what was happening about the meeting, we received a statement from Louise Fradd in which she stated that extensive public consultation was carried out in 2007.

She went on: "We do not believe that it is necessary to attend a separately-organised public meeting about the Porthcawl regeneration, as the council is already organising new consultation intended to provide the public with the latest information about how the scheme is progressing."

She then listed the ways in which this will be done, (referred to earlier in this report).

This response, which declines the town council's invitation, will be sent to the town council in time for tonight's meeting and will be discussed by members.

## Man threatened after Brynmenyn brawl kicked off!

VIOLENCE erupted in a street at Brynmenyn, after a barbecue.

Nathan Jones (28) and Ian Parker (29), both of Brynmenyn, were involved in attacking a neighbour who complained about the noise.

Both pleaded guilty at Cardiff Crown Court to causing Andrew Molenby actual bodily harm, and Jones also admitted criminal damage and assault.

Parker was jailed for six months, suspended for two years, and Jones was made subject to a community order involving 12 months' supervision and 100 hours unpaid work.

He was also ordered to pay compensation of £250.

Recorder Winston Roddick said: "Your vic-

tim was doing no more than asking you to keep down the noise."

"It was a sustained attack and Mr Molenby was vulnerable, with a pacemaker. You were told that. It was a frightening experience and your behaviour was an utter disgrace."

But, he added, the injuries were minor, no weapon was used, and the attack was not premeditated.

Prosecutor John Lloyd said that in the early hours of July 14, Mr Molenby approached a group of about six people in his street and asked them to keep down the noise.

Parker then grabbed him around the neck and punched him to the face.

Both defendants became aggressive and Mr Molenby's wife was kicked by Jones.

The couple succeeded in returning to their house, but Jones kicked open the front door and went into the hallway shouting: "I'm going to

kill him".

Mrs Molenby said he appeared to be "going mental", and £600 of damage was caused to the door.

Mr Molenby, who had been a serviceman, told the police he had never before seen such behaviour, which was completely unprovoked.

Both were distressed by the incident.

Parker later told the police he had little recollection of the incident, and Jones denied any involvement.

Jones was said to have previous convictions for burglary, theft and a public order offence, and Parker for offences of violence and dishonesty.

Their counsel, Martin Kelly, said: "Neither of them deny their involvement. They had had far too much to drink at a family barbecue."

"They reacted very badly and they know that."

"There is great remorse, and they are not in any way lost causes."

## DRUGS ARREST

BRIDGEND police have recently recovered a large quantity of what is

believed to be Class A drugs following a raid at Broadlands.

A 52-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of being involved in the supply of controlled drugs and later released on police bail.

## Sentence passed after road crash

THE driver of a car which crashed in Southerndown, killing two of his friends, has been sentenced in Cardiff Crown Court. (See page 11 for a full report)

## Independent stuns Tories in Newton by-election drama

AN independent candidate has pulled off an historic coup by snatching a seat from the Conservatives in their heartland.

Graham Walter won the Newton by-election beating Conservative Caroline Vaughan into second place.

He polled 529, with the Conservatives getting 490 and Labour's Christina Rees polling 326.

Turn out at 45.6 per cent was 10 points higher than the average turn-out in Wales for the Referendum poll, which took place on the same day.

The Newton by-election was caused by the death of Conservative town councillor Clive Hare.

Newton has always

by JAYNE  
ISAAC

been regarded by the party as its safest ward. It took the borough and all four town council seats at the last elections in 2008.

Mr Walter is one of the founders of a Facebook group set up to give Porthcawl residents a chance to discuss Porthcawl regeneration.

He has consistently attended meetings of the town council and has been calling for the council to get off their hands and fight for the town.

Mr Walter said that he welcomed recent moves by the town council to get involved in the regeneration debate, including its decision to call a public meeting, which he had long advocated.

He told The GEM that the result reflected the frustration felt by the silent majority of people

in the town, who felt as if they have no voice.

"Although the election started by focusing on regeneration, it quickly moved on to other issues. People have voted with their feet because they are fed up with how the town council has behaved."

"We found that there was a lot of unhappiness over what people felt was a lack of communication between themselves and their councillors."

Mr Walter stated that people complained that they wanted to see their councillors more than once every four years at election times.

"They also want to be consulted over how the council is spending their money. They had no say on the decision to spend money on the skateboard park or the new footpath from Rest Bay."

(CONTINUED  
ON PAGE 15)

**Weight Loss and  
Cosmetic Surgery at  
Vale Healthcare**

Improve your body and give yourself a lift

Register for a free risk consultation at one of our Open Evenings

- Breast Surgery: Tuesday 29th March 2011
- Weight Loss Surgery: Thursday 24th March 2011



Vale Healthcare

www.vale-hospital.com

Nuffield Health

029 2083 6700

The Vale Hospital | Cardiff Bay Clinic | Vale Clinic





## THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

## Readers' Letters

We reserve the right to edit all letters. We do NOT accept anonymous mail. Letters and emails MUST include full address and a contact telephone number. An email address alone is not sufficient. We will (in certain circumstances), protect a writer's identity, if requested. Please keep your letters BRIEF and address them to: The Editor, Glamorgan GEM Ltd, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL.

## SHOUT'S REGENERATION REQUEST WAS 'IGNORED'

**T**HE members of the Porthcawl SHOUT Forum are concerned that Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet has approved the BCBC/Evans' owners agreement without prior public consultation.

Our request for information on the terms of the agreement has been ignored by cabinet, contrary to the council's own best practice guide to consultation that states: "We believe in a two-way consultation process of both informing and

listening." The complete absence of consultation on the proposals of this agreement, and its subsequent approval by cabinet that was shrouded in secrecy, means the residents of Porthcawl have been denied the right to be involved in the discussion process of this, in our opinion, flawed agreement.

The agreement is not the basis of the regeneration of Porthcawl, as the cabinet claims, but the basis of the regeneration of the Evans' finances over the next 20 years.

Des Rees,  
Chairman, Porthcawl SHOUT Forum

## 'More to Wales than Cardiff Bay'

**I** WAS very disappointed to hear that parts of Wales, especially the south Wales valleys, are now the poorest places in Europe, even after all this Objective One funding from Europe. My question is, where has all this money gone?

We have a Labour-Plaid coalition in Cardiff, and still child poverty is increasing. We have a Tory-Lib Dem coalition in London trying to put right what 13 years of Labour has done to our country.

These valleys have never recovered since the early 80s when Maggie Thatcher shut the pits – but then we had factories providing employment – now they have closed!

This financial year, we now face council tax going up 3.77 per cent, the police increase of 5 per cent, water bills increasing, and cuts from central government.

With the unrest in the world, oil is shooting up, forcing petrol/diesel prices up. It's jobs and real investment we need in the valleys. There are many people here in Maesteg with skills who are either unemployed or in poorly-paid positions, or who travel out of the valley for employment.

People need jobs to help themselves out of poverty.

With the YES vote to the Welsh Assembly, it's about time our AMs realised that there is more to Wales than Cardiff Bay!

Coun Ian Jones  
(Welsh Liberal Democrats, Maesteg Town councillor, west ward)

## A 'thank you' to Newton residents

**M**AY I, through your columns, offer my sincere thanks to the voters of Newton for electing me as their independent town councillor on March 3.

I also wish to thank everyone who has supported our on-line campaign and worked so hard to achieve this remarkable election result.

A total of 529 people demonstrated their desire for an independent representative, not tied to a political party.

The 'silent majority' – the good people of Newton – have supported our call for greater openness and transparency around our regeneration, together with better communication and con-

sultation from the town council as to how our local taxes are spent.

Now, of course, the hard work starts, and I am determined not to let down those people who have supported us.

I will ensure that Newton residents receive a newsletter updating them about what is happening.

I will attend PACT meetings, and I will organise a public meeting for Newton as soon as practicable.

In addition, I will work hard so that our on-line campaign is developed, to include a website.

I will report what happens at our town council meetings.

Coun Graham Walker,  
Porthcawl  
(See page 1 story)

## PORTHCAWL SKATEBOARD PARK:

## 'No consultation with residents'

**S**OME months ago, your newspaper carried reports showing the scale of objections from local residents to the Porthcawl Town Council's proposal to site a skateboard

park on open space at Heol-y-Goedwig, Porthcawl.

At that time, a large number of residents voiced their anger at not being consulted about the council taking away their open space, to put in a skateboard park that on Porthcawl Town Council's own admis-

sion, can only be used by two people at any one time.

Your readers may not be surprised to learn that since that time, not one single word of consultation with the local residents has passed the lips of the town council.

This saga has been going on for well over two years now.

The town council did not consult ANY residents before unilaterally deciding to spend more than £85,000 of OUR money on a white elephant!

I understand that according to BCBC's Unitary Development Plan (UDP), that Porthcawl already suffers from a serious under provision of play/open space per head of population, according to the guidelines issued by the

National Playing Fields Association.

Why, then, is it that some of our open space at Heol-y-Goedwig is being disposed of? This will make the situation even worse!

This is not a case of 'but pure common-sense. There are many suitable alternative sites for a skateboard park all over Porthcawl if only greater thought, or dare I say consultation with the bill payers, had been sought at the beginning.

How many residents of Porthcawl are happy that open space is going to be sacrificed and for the town council to spend £85,000 of their money for a facility that only two people can use at any one time!

Mrs Denise Bridger,  
Porthcawl

## PUPILS RISE TO QUIZ TEST



YOUNG people in Bridgend have been challenged by Madeleine Moon MP to take part in an International Women's Day quiz, which attempts to tackle people's assumptions, not to test knowledge.

"The pupils at Brynteg Comprehensive and Bridgend Girl Guides meeting in St Mary's Nollon enjoyed the quiz (above) and were shocked by many of the answers," the MP reported.

## 'SPECIAL CARE BABY UNIT WILL NOT CLOSE' – says board

**T**HE Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board has denied claims that the special care baby unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital is to close.

Press reports to that effect have been published, but a spokesman for the board said that more babies will be treated in Bridgend than before, as a result of changes being introduced.

The designation of two of the cots will be changed from long-term intensive care to short term intensive care.

Babies which need longer term intensive care will now go straight to Singleton Hospital in Swansea, where all staff have undergone specialist neo-natal care training, in line with new government guidelines.

Babies who need that level of care will be taken

to Singleton using a special transport service run by trained staff.

If possible, these babies will be born in the hospital if likely problems are diagnosed while the mother is still pregnant.

As babies improve, they may then be transferred back to Bridgend.

This means that babies needing short-term intensive care, or who are high dependency, will continue to be treated in Bridgend. Having the two extra cots will enable the unit to actually treat more babies in a year.

All the staff are being retained and the board has said that the changes are nothing to do with saving money, as the cots at Bridgend will be occupied more often.

In 2010, 60 babies were cared for in the intensive care cots in Bridgend and 21 were transferred to another unit for on-going care.

The ABM spokesman added: "There are strong medical reasons, supported by our neonatologists, for providing long term neonatal intensive care in the specialist neonatal unit in Swansea."

"Babies being cared for at the unit are the care, leading to better most unwell. Here they outlives."

## Lions raising funds for local charities

**T**HE Lions Club of Porthcawl started off the month of March with a formal dinner and dance at the Seabank Hotel, where they entertained the Mayor of Porthcawl and her consort, president of Porthcawl Rotary and his wife, and other guests.

That was followed the next day with Porthcawl Lions stewarding the town council's pancake race held on Newton Green. A cold but enjoyable time was had by all.

Their next event is their popular book sale, to be held once again at the Seabank Hotel, on Saturday and Sunday, March 19-20.

Admission is free, doors open 10am.

More information can be obtained via lionclub36@hotmail.co.uk

As a result of the generosity of the people of Porthcawl, the charity Marie Curie Cancer Care benefited from the Porthcawl Lions' street collection (See photo on facing page).

The sum of £700 was presented to the charity by the president of Porthcawl Lions Club, Ralph Anslow – money raised on the day and a donation by the club.

Porthcawl Lions Club welcomes new members, male and female.

Those interested in helping their community and enjoying an active social club, should contact Lion Don on 01656 788583, or visit the web page on porthcawl-lions.org.

DAVID RICHARDS

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL MARCH 17)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
10 Thur	09.12	9.0	21.28	8.8
11 Fri	09.46	8.6	22.02	8.4
12 Sat	10.20	8.1	22.47	7.9
13 Sun	11.21	7.6	23.53	7.5
14 Mon			12.49	7.2
15 Tues	01.36	7.4	14.23	7.6
16 Wed	02.58	8.1	15.39	8.4
17 Thur	04.09	8.7	16.43	8.9

While THE GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

## Community café is on the move

THE community café in the Ogmere Valley run by Crossroads Care is on the move.

Last Friday, the café moved from its previous venue at the Nantymoel Boys and Girls Club, known locally as the Mem, to Cwrt Gwalia in Ogmere Vale.

This sheltered housing complex is the new venue for the café which will operate each Friday from 12.30pm to 3.30pm. It is open to all including carers and the people they care for.

The café will be staged in the communal lounge at Cwrt Gwalia.



## LIONS, DAFFODILS, AND A SAINT!



**LEFT:** Members of Porthcawl Lions Club had a double reason for donning their daffodil fancy dress recently. They were collecting for Marie Curie's Daffodil Appeal – and it was close to St David's Day!

Photograph by MALCOLM NUGENT.

## Plan to help council and the chamber of trade work together

A NEW system is to be set up to ensure that decisions taken at the joint meetings between Porthcawl Town Council and the town's chamber of trade can be implemented.

The two bodies get together twice a year and the minutes of the most recent meeting, which was hosted by the council, have been reported back to town councillors.

The chamber has asked for the Porthcawl borough councillors to be invited to future meetings of the two bodies. They say that no mechanism exists to meet the borough members.

This was agreed – although four of the five members sit on

Porthcawl Town Council and are already invited. The fifth is Coun Ken Watts and he will be notified of meetings in future.

Chamber members reported that midweek turnover for shops in the town has increased since the Seabank Hotel was taken over by a coach company which brings in hundreds of visitors to the resort.

Many issues were discussed, including council projects such as the skateboard park, the new path along Lock's Common, and a possible pedestrian crossing.

There was also a discussion about the bandstand in John Street but town clerk Alison Leyshon reported that she had written twice to BCBC offering to take it over but had received no reply.

Traders remembered

by JAYNE ISAAC

a time when Porthcawl was promoted as 'The Gem of the Seven Seas' but councillors said that it is advertised on the BCBC website. Events are advertised but it is difficult to advertise the town itself.

Coun David Newton Williams stated that a 'Speed, Power and Motion' event was being organised by the Grand Pavilion from July 31 to August 7. It had been decided to try and organise the Sea Festival to coincide.

When the minutes of the meeting were discussed, Coun David Newton Williams said it had been a very enlightening meeting for those present and people went away fully briefed on

what was happening. However, Coun Norah Clarke said that while these meetings were held and minutes were taken, nothing seemed to happen afterwards.

"Nothing has been done," she said.

"There's no point in having a meeting if nothing is done about the matters raised. We must have outcomes."

She said that the council had a representative on the Regeneration Forum and they should be reporting back to keep all members fully aware of what's happening.

"Only at the last meeting has this happened when Coun Barbara Stubbs attended. That's why the town council does not know what's going on."

"Coun Jill Sweet had this put on the agenda recently and she was asking why people who attend events on our behalf are not reporting back."

Coun Clarke said that the council needed to pursue the issue of the bandstand.

"Rhianon Kingsley, who is the town centre manager, came to us once but we have not had sight nor sound of her since. We must pursue this."

## Skateboard park: FINAL HURDLE

The final obstacle to the start of work to provide Porthcawl with a skateboard park has been overcome.

Porthcawl Town Council has agreed terms for a lease on the land at Heol y Goedwig, where the skateboard park is to be located.

The lease has been agreed with BCBC and that opens the way up for work to start. All the other issues to do

with planning have been resolved.

Porthcawl Conservative group leader David Deere said that he was hoping work would start within the next six weeks.

"It's been a long time coming and we have faced a lot of problems," he said.

"But we are determined to provide the young people of the town with this facility, and I hope it will be up and running in time for the summer."

## St David's Day at St Theodore's



A FAMILY Service was held at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill, to celebrate St David's Day.

The photograph (by Keith E Morgan) shows two very young girls in Welsh costume – Bethany and Alice – with their mother, Rev Jonathan Durley (Priest-in-Charge) and Grace Wyld of the ministry team.

Bethany and Alice were very

proud to dress up in their Welsh costumes as they are direct descendants of Evan James and his son James James of Pontypridd, who wrote the words and composed the music for the Welsh National Anthem - *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau; Land of My Fathers*.

Also, a baptism was conducted at the same service, where five adults were Christened by the Rev Jonathan Durley.

## Man caught with drugs after a Porthcawl chase

**FOLLOWING** a chase in Porthcawl, it took two police officers to handcuff a drugs dealer, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

At the time, Ryan Ford (19) of North Cornelly, was in breach of a suspended sentence imposed for affray.

He was sent to a young offender institution for a year.

He had been convicted by Vale Magistrates of possessing cannabis with intent to supply and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Prosecutor John Warren said that on January 16 at about 11.30pm, Ford was seen outside a club in Porthcawl arguing with door staff.

When he saw the police, he ran off. He was chased and was seen to discard something before being caught in the car park at the Seabank Hotel.

The police believed he had a weapon, said Mr Warren and he was punched twice.

It took, he said, two police officers to handcuff him.

Shortly after, the police recovered six grammes of cannabis which he had discarded, and they also found him in possession of £380 in cash.

The police also found scales, and on his mobile phone text messages relating to the supply of drugs.

He was said to have

by AJ SICLUNA

convictions for possessing cannabis with intent to supply and being concerned in the supply of it.

Regarding the affray, said Mr Warren, it occurred at a takeaway in Porthcawl and during the incident he had damaged the shop window with a pole.

His counsel, Carl Williams, said: "He is a

paradox. In a controlled environment, people speak highly of him, and he is a very capable mechanic."

"The drug dealing was on a small scale."

Passing sentence, Judge Christopher Vosper said the affray involved an attack on commercial premises after Ford had been refused free food.

He said he was also heavily into the use of drugs and alcohol.

## McDonald's for Maesteg?

**SPECULATION** is mounting in Maesteg about what's happening to the car sales area at Gill's Garage, which occupies a prominent position on the main road leading into town.

Last week, all the cars were taken from the site and notices appeared on the car showroom stating that redevelopment was taking place, and that all car sales have been transferred to the firm's site in Bridgend.

Neighbours living around the garage, which also includes a petrol filling station, shop and car repairs, have been speculating that a hot food takeaway and restaurant may be placed on the car showroom site.

Planning consent was granted some years ago

for a McDonald's restaurant on this land. Permission was granted on appeal, despite vociferous objections from local residents but the consent has never been implemented.

Rumours in the town are now rife that McDonalds or Kentucky Fried Chicken are coming to the site, which is about a mile from the town centre.

However, Bridgend planners state that the consent for the hot food restaurant and takeaway expired in 2007 and has not been renewed. No new application has been received to date.

The only planning consent in force is for the extension of the shop, which was granted in 2009.

The GEM has left a message for Wayne Gill at the Bridgend site, but to date, he has not returned our call.

## Resident's complaint about public toilets

**THE STATE** of the public toilets in John Street is to be raised by Porthcawl Town Council with its owners, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

The public toilets in the street have won prizes in the past in the 'Loo of the Year' awards and they are located in a listed building.

However, resident Jean Hunt of Cypress Gardens contacted the town council to express her concern about the deteriorating condition of the facilities within the convenience.

She said that while she agreed that they were kept in a very clean condition, the condition of the wash hand basin in the ladies is far from satisfactory, with cracked glazing.

She said that waste water from the basins is going into an open channel and that this water will contact the germs washed off people's hands after they have visited the lavatories or changed a nappy.

She said that she had been told by her husband and also by Coun Ken Watts that the urinals in the male toilets were "disgusting."

She added: "While these arrangements may have been acceptable in the

Victorian era, they are far from acceptable in the 21st century and should be the concern of the health and safety officer."

She also pointed out that the disabled convenience in John Street was frequently locked with no attendant available to open it up. Alternative disabled toilets are located some distance away in Griffin Park, the Grand Pavilion or South Road.

She added: "The present condition of the John Street public conveniences is a disgrace to the town, especially one which, apart from residents, receives many visitors especially during the summer months."

"I do not think any member of the council would tolerate such conditions in their own bathrooms."

The town council will forward her complaint to BCBC and ask them what they intend to do.

Council leader David Deere said that the toilets were built by the old Porthcawl UDC in the 1920s, when his own grandfather had proposed providing them.

He said that they had a Victorian look and feel to them although they were provided later than that.



# LIFE ON THE ROAD WITH THE BRIDGEND MALE VOICE CHOIR



The Bridgend Male Voice Choir.

**NO-ONE can say that choristers get bored, with the variety of singing opportunities that often come their way.**

Bridgend male choir choristers are typically

representative.

After a hugely successful 50th birthday anniversary concert at Tabernacle Chapel, Pontycymmer, the choristers next found themselves at Torquay, competing for prize-money at the resort's famous Riviera International

Centre. Despite success on its visit two years earlier, this time it was not to be with all four top places filled by ladies barbershop choirs.

Having helped Cancer Research Wales to raise a significant sum earlier, it was next

the turn of Somerset's South Petherton Community Hospital to raise much needed funds from a choir concert at the village's St Peter and St Paul Church.

Returning to its favourite pastime – entertainment – a packed church and standing ovation rewarded the choristers for making the long journey.

To add to the variety, Bridgend Male Choir then joined choir

patron, Max Boyce at a private function in the Celtic Manor Resort, scene of Europe's 2010 Ryder Cup success.

In the same week that Max re-enacted the scene of his 'Live at Treorchy' recording, choristers were thrilled to join him at Newport in a show also featuring the Pearly Kings & Queens and compered by S4C's Dai Jones Llanilar. Next up is a wedding at Taibach, before a fundraising luncheon at Bridgend.

Guest speaker at the luncheon on Friday, May 6 is *Scrum V's* Rick O'Shea and an afternoon's enjoyment is guaranteed.

Rick will amuse those present with rugby stories and anecdotes from the local and national scene, as well as his thoughts on the Rugby World Cup later this year.

For tickets, call choir secretary, Gareth Rees on 07773 170373 or e-mail bookings@bridgendmalechoir.co.uk

## Case is dropped in 'strange circumstances'

Report by AJ SICLUNA

**IN what a judge at Cardiff Crown Court described as "strange circumstances", a heroin addict was given a conditional discharge for six months.**

Tammy Jones (28) of Brackla, Bridgend, pleaded guilty to possessing the drug. She denied being concerned in the supply of it. The plea was accepted by the prosecution and a not guilty verdict was recorded.

Judge Christopher Vosper told her: "You pleaded guilty to possessing a large quantity of heroin. What happened was that others persuaded you to let them use your car to collect drugs from Newport and take them to Bridgend and sell them."

He said he was satisfied she would not benefit from the sale of the drug and he was aware that the others involved would not be proceeded against.

The circumstances of the case, he said, were strange and added: "You have an enormous heroin problem. In the past, sentences to assist you have not worked."

Prosecutor John Lloyd said that the police followed a car into the car park of Bridgend Rugby Football Club. Jones was inside with two others, got out and approached the officers in an upset state.

She told them: "It's nothing to do with me, they borrowed my car to go to Newport."

She and two men were then arrested and officers found 5.56 grammes of heroin worth £440 in the car. Said the judge: "I am utterly baffled how the other two walked away from being charged."

Not charging them, he said, didn't make sense.

Jones was said to have convictions for supplying class A drugs, possessing such drugs and possessing cannabis with intent to supply.

Her counsel Jeanette Treharne said: "She actually informed the police of the drugs in the car. Unfortunately, she is a drug addict."

"The probation service say they can do no more for her. For her to be sentenced to custody would be wrong in principle. It is a highly unusual case. She was used by others."

## Porthcawl Rotarians help young homeless



Left to right: Jean Schofield; Ivor Williams; Bill Stubbs, president Porthcawl Rotary; Annette Pugh, support worker, Ty Llamau; Gareth Jones, area manager, Ty Llamau; Ken Roberts, Rotary chairman, community and vocational. (Photography by Keith E Morgan).

**PORThCAWL** Rotary recently made a presentation to Ty Llamau, New Road, Porthcawl, of seven electric irons, seven electric kettles and seven electric toasters.

Ty Llamau ('Big Steps' in Old Welsh) run a supported housing project for homeless young persons.

### VA NEWMAN GLASS QUIZ LEAGUE

## Semi-final tie break

**ONLY the semi-finals of the Cup and Plate competitions were played on Monday, February 28.**

In the KO Cup, Six Bells were no match for Llangewydd Arms. Their score of 52 was quite good, but their opponents were in 'Mastermind' form and more than a match for most teams in the league. They ran up a whopping 81 points.

In the other Cup game, it was as close a win as expected. Maesteg Catholic Club edged it 55-54.

In the Plate, the lead changed hands a few times between Llangewydd AFC and Oldcastle 'B'. After the

first section, the AFC led 14-6 but Oldcastle pulled it back in the individual to 18-15.

By the time the 'roll-up' arrived, Oldcastle led 31-27 and decided to stick on two, whereas the AFC made four and were only 33-31 down.

At the end, AFC thought they had lost but after checking the scores were somewhat relieved to find it was drawn 43-43. Tie-break time. How many square-miles in France? Oldcastle guessed 52,000. AFC thought 270,000. The actual number is... 260,588.

Hugs and kisses at Llangewydd AFC's table, heads and shoulders down at the other.

In the remaining

game, Laleston Inn 'A' reached the final by beating Tondur Railway Club 53-48.

Here are your four for thought:

1 What kind of acid is found in nettle stings and ant bites?

2 Which weather phenomena is classified by the Fujita-Pearson scale?

3 In cycling, at the Tour de France, what colour does the best sprinter wear?

4 Which is the smallest country in Central America?

**A RUDGE**  
(League hon sec)

**ANSWERS**  
1. Formic.  
2. Tornados.  
3. Green.  
4. El Salvador.

### COMMUNITY NEWS ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan  
(01656) 880418

**IT is with great sadness that I report the death of Margaret Hughes, aged 89, after a long illness bravely borne.**

Margaret, daughter of 'Brewers the Butchers' of Bridgend, was born 'over the shop' in Adare Street, Bridgend.

**WICK Chapel will be holding the following services when everyone is warmly welcomed:**  
March 14, March 20 (all at 3pm); April 10, Easter family service at 3pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Eva Morgan of Blaen Dewi, Wick, who is celebrating her 90th birthday with family and friends on April 2.**

**WE ARE NOW ONLINE!**

Visit:  
[www.bridgend-today.co.uk](http://www.bridgend-today.co.uk)  
Email us your news - send it to:  
[gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)

**hrt**  
herbert r thomas

CHARTERED SURVEYORS, AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & ESTATE AGENTS.

59 High Street, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7YL

Tel: 01446 772911 Fax: 01446 776378

Email: [sales@hrt.uk.com](mailto:sales@hrt.uk.com) Website: [www.hrt.uk.com](http://www.hrt.uk.com)



## RENTAL PROPERTIES REQUIRED

Due to unprecedented demand for rental properties, we require houses in your area, available for immediate rental. For a free, no obligation market appraisal, please contact the Rental Department.

**01446 776374**

or email [rentals@hrt.uk.com](mailto:rentals@hrt.uk.com)

Sales

Rentals

Auctions

Commercial



## Pencoed staff swim to Calais!



ABOVE: A map to help the swimmers with the route!

## Splashing out for a Breast Care Centre

**EMPLOYEES from the Ortho Clinical Diagnostics (OCD) facility in Pencoed took to the water recently, taking up a challenge to raise funds for the Breast Centre Cardiff and Vale at Llandough Hospital.**

As part of the popular 'Lengths for Life' fund raise campaign, employees chose to take a dip at nearby Pencoed Swimming Pool, using their lunchtime breaks as the perfect opportunity to complete lengths.

Funds raised by the campaign will be used to purchase equipment for the Breast Care Centre

and invest in new technology.

A spokeswoman said: "Staff were set the challenge of swimming the equivalent of the English Channel during the month of February. The trip from Dover to Calais and back is an impressive 52.4 mile in total, which translates to 3,372 lengths of the pool. 27 swimmers took part including Commonwealth swimmer Sara Lougher (who is the daughter of an OCD engineer), clocking up the lengths at lunch time in Pencoed Pool.

"Not only was the target met and the return trip to Calais completed

but the group went on to swim an additional 701 lengths. The team can now officially add to the 'Lengths for Life' total having raised an impressive £2,000 so far."

Pencoed swimming pool centre manager, David Howley commented: "It's great to have people using our facility to raise money for charity. Lunchtime swimming is increasing popular as it offers customers a chance to unwind during a busy day. We've enjoyed getting behind the team and all of us at the centre would like to say congratulations to everyone who took part."

## Policing team enjoying the green spaces of Wildmill!

**OFFICERS from the Morfa Wildmill Neighbourhood Policing Team have been helping plant trees and shrubs – as part of a local environment initiative.**

PCSO Paul Galtry joined the Communities First team and local residents to carry out a tree and shrub planting event.

Communities First worked with BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) to get the funding from LEQ (Local Environmental Quality) to improve the community park in Wildmill.

Local resident Dafydd Balston drafted some designs while he was a volunteer with the FEI (Family Employment Initiative) project, which BTCV is running.

Benches have been made from ash sourced from the woodland, and handrails over the steps have also been made from the same wood.

A boardwalk and a bog garden have also been created, as well as paths throughout the park which will enable more residents to use the park.

A planning application has also been approved to create a wooden adventure play area to be sited as part of this project in the near future.

PCSO Galtry said: "In spite of the wet weather it was a marvellous day. It brought together young people and adults from the community, Communities First, South Wales Police, V2C and BTCV.

"We planted fruit trees, native trees and the bog garden and all the trees were sourced from BTCV's Tree Life Centre in Bristol."



ABOVE: PCSO Paul Galtry and some of the volunteers on the boardwalk at Wildmill Community Park.

## SCARBOROUGH WEEKEND BREAK

Friday 1st - 4th April 2011

**A super value break which won't break the bank!** Scarborough is an ideal place to stay for a short break. With its award winning North and South beaches and its castle overlooking the town, you'll have plenty to see and do. We stay at the Grand Hotel Scarborough, situated overlooking the south bay and harbour. There is evening entertainment included and a games room with snooker, darts and a pool table. For an extra cost you can enjoy the Hotel's leisure facilities. Our rooms are served by a lift and are en-suite with television and tea/coffee making facilities. **Included in this fantastic value break** is an excursion to the Historic City of York, and half day excursion to the seaside town of Whitby.

**SUPER VALUE BREAK!**

**YEOMANS CANYON TRAVEL Ltd**  
Established 1920  
The Travel Centre  
Old School Lane,  
Hereford HR1 1EX  
sales@yeomanstravel.co.uk



To book telephone 01432 356201

**4 £124.00**

**DAYS PER PERSON**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Three Nights Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
- Day Excursion to York and Half Day Excursion to Whitby
- Same seat, same coach, same driver throughout

Return Coach Travel from:  
**BRIDGEND**  
**COWBRIDGE**  
**LLANTWIT MAJOR**  
**BARRY**

TOUR REF: 69



## Good The Big Society?

Do you believe in schools? Think libraries are important? Believe that not everything can be counted in pounds and pence? We'd like to invite you to join a million voices.

We know that the Westminster Government spending cuts will damage public services and will put more than a million people (UK wide) out of work. The cuts will hit the vulnerable, damage communities and undermine much of what holds us together as a society.

In the Vale of Glamorgan, the Council are already currently consulting over the privatisation of leisure services. Not only will this have a devastating impact on those already working in leisure but anyone using their local leisure centre could find it closing or see a substantial increase in cost to use the facilities.

Libraries are another area under threat with the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend, and Merthyr Tydfil all looking at axing fixed or mobile libraries.

The Westminster Government claim that 'there is no alternative' and that 'we are all in this together', but we know that is just not the case. We know that it is completely unnecessary for the deficit to be eliminated in four years—if we look at the deficit over the course of the last century, the current deficit is not particularly high. In fact, cutting too

fast and too deep will stifle economic growth and less tax revenue will be available. Furthermore, raising taxes such as VAT impact those on poor and middle incomes far more than those on higher earnings. Yet enormous bonuses are still being paid and those receiving them are not making a fair contribution.

We need to stand together and provide a voice for all those that have suffered unfairly at the hands of this UK government—those public service users that have seen reductions or closures to their public services, and a voice for those public sector workers that have lost their jobs. We need to show that we reject the argument that there is no alternative. Of course the recession has damaged our economy, but savage cuts will only serve to damage it further.

Put 26th March in your diary and ask your colleagues, friends and family to put it in theirs. Transport is being arranged by UNISON in the Vale of Glamorgan – contact us now to book your seat and March for the Alternative.



## March for public services 26 March

On 26 March thousands of people from all over the UK will march in London to speak out against the government's savage and unfair spending cuts.

Join us with your colleagues, friends and family in speaking up for vital public services.

Register and find out more at [action.unison.org.uk/march](http://action.unison.org.uk/march)  
Join us in UNISON. Call 0845 355 0845 now, or visit [unison.org.uk/join](http://unison.org.uk/join)

a million  
voices  
for  
public  
services

Funded by UNISON's General Political Fund

Show your support on March 26 and March for the Alternative. For details on travel arrangements to the March and to get involved in your local campaign or visit our website: [www.unison.org.uk/26march](http://www.unison.org.uk/26march) or contact [MFTA Wales@unison.co.uk](mailto:MFTA Wales@unison.co.uk). Tel: 029 2072 9453



# IT'S A ST DAVID'S DAY EXTRAVAGANZA FOR NEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS



ST DAVID'S DAY was celebrated in style in Porthcawl by the pupils at Newton Primary School, where there were traditional costumes, for boys and girls, on show in abundance.

The children enjoyed their eisteddfod, and it was a day of song, dance and recitation that delighted all present.



PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT





## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

Contact details: **CLIVE MITCHELL**  
1 Tyn-Y-Coed Close, Sarn, Bridgend CF32 9NQ  
TEL: 01656 725399  
email: tynucoed1@yahoo.co.uk



**Cawl a Chan**  
I HAD the pleasure of attending Ogmores Valley Male Voice Choir's 'Cawl a Chan' on St David's day in Canolfan Bethlehem, an old chapel which the choir procured and renovated, where they hold a number of concerts during the year.

Everyone in the choir made the audience welcome in a wonderful relaxed atmosphere, largely due to musical director Eira Paskin.

Two choirs provided the evening's entertainment, the Ogmores Valley choir and Cantorian Coety, and for both the hard working musical director is Eira.

The concert also included Cantorian Coety with 'Gwahoddiad', 'Elen Fwyn' and my favourite 'Pan Fo'r Nos Yn Hir', ('When a night is long').

Cantorian Coety mixed choir took the stage to perform 'Deryn y Bwn', 'Cenir Aur', and 'Yfory'.

The male choir completed the first half, with soloist soprano Catrin Eleri Jenkin joining them in singing the 'Gaelic Blessing' in Welsh and English, the verses having been translated into Welsh by a member of the Cantorian Coety choir.

Bowls of cawl and Welsh cakes were served by members of the male voice choir during the interval, and afterwards the audience was encouraged to join the choirs in singing 'Calon Lan', 'Moliannwn' and 'Cymru Fach' (the last being sung with Catrin). The evening concluded with 'Hen Wlad fy Nhadau'.

### History search

**ABERKENFIG**  
Retired Persons Club recently held its AGM when both its long-serving secretary and treasurer, Mr and Mrs T Llewellyn, tendered their resignations, both having suffered ill health over the past 12 months.

The club was recently visited by headteacher, Mrs Sue Pilcher, members of staff and pupils from Tondur Primary School involved in a project to discover how residents from Aberkenfig coped in the Second World War.

The pupils sat down with each of the 30 members and filled in questionnaire forms they had carefully prepared.

The school had found an award made in the name of a Mr Danial,

during the war years. The pupils were trying to locate either Mr Danial or any relatives so that this award can be presented to them.

The school would welcome any information, and would appreciate copies of old photographs of Aberkenfig during the war.

The club meets at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, every Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 4pm. New members are welcome. Telephone Joyce/John on 01656 720823/722674.

### Closure concerns

**FOLLOWING the announced closure of Pandu Infant's School and its amalgamation into Tondur Primary School; a drop-in event to address any concerns that local people have, takes place tomorrow (March 11) at Tondur Primary School at 2.30pm.**

### Appeal concert

**THERE will be a concert at Aberkenfig Bible Church, Pandu Road, tomorrow (Friday, March 11) starting at 7.30pm, to raise funds for cancer research.**

Providing the entertainment are Brackla Community Chorus and Pencoeed Silver Band.

Musical director Gillian Ridout has been with the mixed voice choir for about 12 years, and the accompanist is Gareth Waite. The choir performs a variety of light classical and popular music.

All money raised from the sale of tickets (obtainable at the door) is being donated to the Royal Marsden Hospital cancer research department.

**Ladies choir**  
CÔR Merched Cwm Garw (Garw Valley Ladies Choir) founded 28 years ago, is holding its annual concert on Friday, March 25, at 7.15pm in Blaengarw rugby club.

Members have been busy rehearsing under Mr Alec Brookes, musical director and accompanist for the last 10 years. Also taking part are Ogmores Valley Male Voice Choir and Pencoeed Silver Band.

The ladies' choir rehearses in the Pontycymer old age pensioners centre on Friday between 7.30pm and 8.30pm. Call Mary on 01656 871024 for details.

### Sri Lanka benefit

**THE postponed concert at St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid, is now**

**being held on Friday, March 18, at 7pm. The entertainment is again being provided by Ogmores Valley Male Voice Choir. Tickets £5, on sale at the door; all money raised will go to church funds.**

Parishioners of Llansantffraid, Betws and Aberkenfig are joining together in a special service on Sunday, March 20 at 10am when members supporting the charity 'Tea Leaf Trust' based in Sri Lanka, set up to educate tea pickers.

Having lived and worked in that country and seen the working conditions of the people there, I can fully endorse the efforts of this Trust.

Mr Tim Pare, a director of the trust, will tell the congregation of the work the trust does in helping these unfortunate people.

At the recent annual meeting of the LBA mothers union, branch leader Raema thanked retiring secretary Jane Phillips for her efforts over the years.

It is the 90th anniversary of the formation of the branch this year and members will be having afternoon tea at Bryngarw House on May 18.

### Vounteers sought

**LAST October, St David's Church, Betws began encouraging young children to come along on Tuesdays after school to take part in fun activities. Numbers are increasing and volunteer helpers are being sought.**

### Hunger lunches

**IN support of the charity Christian Aid, a lunch consisting of a bowl of soup, bread and a Welsh cake will be provided to everyone at Smyrna Chapel, Penyfa, on Saturday, March 12 between 12noon and 1.15pm. The lunch costs £2.50 and all money raised will be donated to the charity.**

### School donation

**OGMORE Vale Primary School headteacher, Paul Booth, thanks everyone who took part in the recent fancy dress competition which raised the magnificent total of £145, which has been donated to the Red Cross.**

**Choir AGM**  
MEMBERS of Côr Meibion Cwm Garw (Garw Valley Male Voice Choir) are advised that the annual general meeting is to take place after rehearsals on Monday, March 14.

# Methane gas test plan in Maesteg

**A PLANNING application to drill for shale gas in Maesteg is to be discussed by Bridgend planners today, Thursday.**

The application from UK Methane Ltd of Bridgend Industrial Estate, is to drill an exploratory borehole on the site of St John's Colliery at Cwmdru, Maesteg.

The application is to drill into the Numarian shale bed, which lies beneath the

Westphalian coal measures at 3,000 feet in depth.

Shale gas is a pure form of methane which is widely used elsewhere in the world. It is regarded as a clean energy source.

The application is to drill and then test the gas. The operation will last 14 weeks – including seven weeks of actual drilling, which will carry on for 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The nearest property is

Blaencwmdru Farm, which is 350 yards away and the access will be at Heol Faen. Objections have been lodged by neighbouring farmers, including Sara Jones at Cwmdru Ganol, Em Howells at Bryndefaid and Mr and Mrs Evans, also at Bryndefaid.

They have objected on the grounds of noise, possible pollution of water sources, vibration, damage to the roads serving the area and

increased traffic, but there are no objections from the Environment Agency or the Countryside Council for Wales.

Previous drilling to test for methane has already taken place on site.

Officers are recommending that temporary consent be granted. It comes before the development control committee at Bridgend today.

## What kind of dog will choose you?



We've got small ones, tall ones, cheeky ones and squeaky ones,



sporty ones, haughty ones, fluffy ones and scruffy ones.



If you're looking for a lovely dog come to Dogs Trust Bridgend.

- 🐾 We've got lots of happy, healthy dogs
- 🐾 They've been neutered and micro-chipped
- 🐾 They're vaccinated and given a complete health-check
- 🐾 We'll give your dog 4 weeks free insurance
- 🐾 You'll get free advice throughout your dog's life

To see all our dogs, visit our new website, [dogstrust.org.uk](http://dogstrust.org.uk)

You can trust a dog from



Registered charity No. 207023 and 30079943



# Sandville's church has a new font!

THE Sandville Self-Help Centre has its own church – the small but perfectly-formed St Michael's Church – and now that place of worship has been made complete by the addition of a baptismal font.

The font was dedicated recently by the Rev Richard Spencer, the former parish priest of Kenfig Hill, who came back to perform the service from his new parish in Cardiff.

The font was donated by local historian and photographer Keith E Morgan in memory of his late wife Malvina, and he told The GEM: "I knew that Sister Gwyneth Poacher was looking for a font and, at first, I thought that it would not be difficult to find one."

"A number of churches in south Wales have closed in recent years, but it was proving hard to find any of their fonts. After a while, I decided to commission one to Gwyneth's specifications, and pay for it myself."

The church was full for the service, with many more people inside the Sandville watching on closed circuit TV. Considering that Wales were playing Italy at the same time, it was an impressive turnout.

After a welcome from Gwyneth Poacher, and an introduction from Rev Spencer, the opening hymn was 'The Lord is my Shepherd' – the same hymn that had been sung at Keith and Malvina's wedding in 1960, at St Theodore's Church, Kenfig Hill.

At the conclusion, the blessing was given by another clergyman from the area, Rev Canon Godfrey James, who was Rev Richard Spencer's predecessor in the Kenfig Hill parish.

Photographs by  
**MALCOLM NUGENT**



## Royal wedding

**PORHCRAWL** Town Council has set up a special sub-committee to look at ways of marking the royal wedding in April.

The town council has also agreed to make a contribution towards the firework display being organised by the chamber of trade to celebrate the royal nuptials. A sum of £200 is to be donated.

The council will send a card of congratulations to Prince William and Kate Middleton.

They are also asking anyone who is getting married on the same day – April 29 – and who is from Porthcawl to get in touch.

## Ogmore MP's surgeries

**HUW IRRANCA DAVIES, MP for Ogmore, will be holding the following surgeries this month:**

Saturday, March 12 between 12.30pm-1.30 pm in the Pontycymmer area; Friday, March 25 between 11am-12noon in the Bettws area; Thursday, April 7 between 10.30am-11.30am in Gilfach Goch area; Tuesday, April 12 between 2pm-3pm in the Cefn Cribwr area. Constituents will need to contact the constituency office on 01656 737777 to arrange an appointment.



ABOVE: The Rev Richard Spencer blesses the font.



ABOVE: Keith Morgan and Gwyneth Poacher with the baptismal font.

BELOW: Gwyneth Poacher with Canon Godfrey James.



Bridgend's MP knows where to find local news!

We're ready for our close up

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
**BRIDGEND PET DAY**

Bring your pets along for nutritional advice, special offers and

- Free Pet Portrait competition - 10am-5pm
- Local activities

**10% OFF**  
ALL PRODUCTS\*  
INC. PROMOTIONS  
WISE BUY

An EXTRA 10% off  
all pet products with this voucher.  
ONLY available at a Countrywide Pet Day.

countrywidefarmers.co.uk/petday  
0845 60 90 919  
Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

**countrywide**  
FOR THE COUNTRY WISE

**BRIDGEND**  
South Road, Bridgend Ind-Est. CF31 3PT. Tel: 01656 652115  
Opening Times: Mon-Sat 8.30am-6.00pm Sun 10.00am-4.00pm

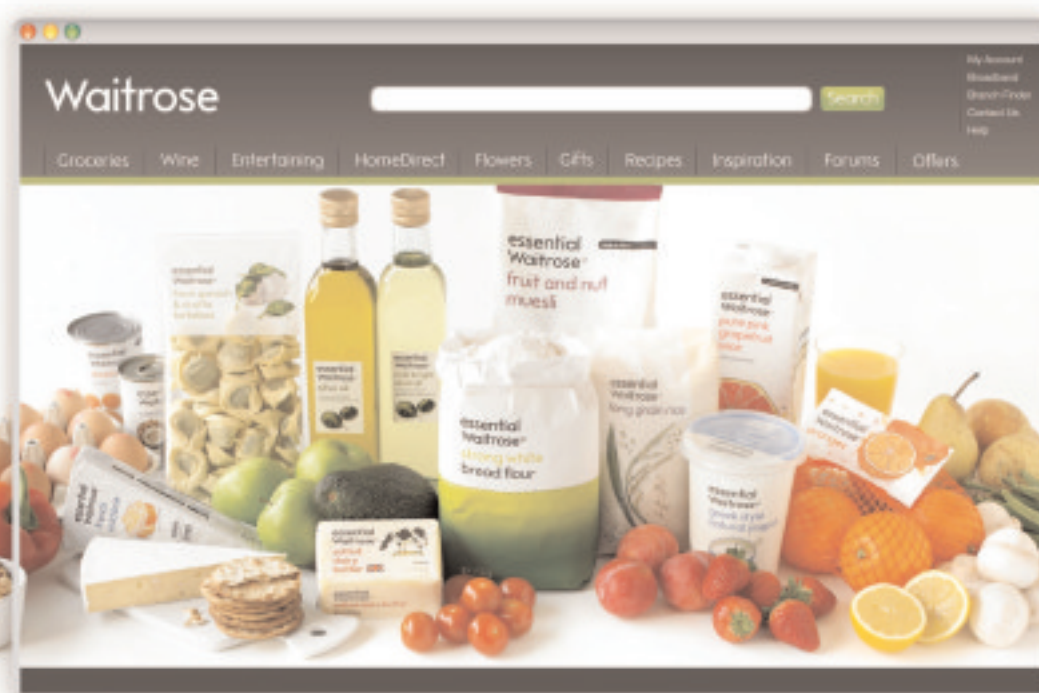
\*10% off does not include fresh food, equipment, bedding, fertiliser, agricultural seeds. 10% off VET & VET products including vaccines and wormers, gift vouchers, local pricing, sale and clearance offers. Offer not available online. Valid for Pet Day only. For terms and conditions refer to countrywidefarmers.co.uk/petday



**£15 off**  
your first  
shop

# Free delivery at the new **Waitrose.com**

Enjoy £15 off your first online shop when you spend £75 or more on groceries before 29 April 2011. Simply enter the code **PABRF3** in your trolley before you check out.



Convenient delivery • Brand Price Match • Easy-to-use website

We match our prices with Tesco on 1000 everyday branded products. Brand Price Match - visit waitrose.com/brandpricematch for full terms. Service min spend £50. Free delivery excludes our shop in branch service. Selected postcodes. All shops must be delivered/collected by the expiry date. Not redeemable in branch or in conjunction with any other offer or service. One per household. Only available to new customers on their first shop. Details correct as of 11 March 2011. Waitrose Limited, RC02 976.



We're working with the Woodland Trust so that for every delivery new trees are planted.





Children sitting in their houses in the main hall.

## A 'fabulous eisteddfod' at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig



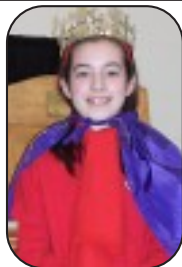
Aimee Canty and Lewis Bumford holding the winning shield for the Hafren house.

**MARCH 4** was a special day for pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig, as they held their annual school eisteddfod.

All 430 pupils took part, either on stage or working on different topics in their classes and activities included reciting, singing, dancing, art work, handwriting and playing an instrument.

Manon Wiliam, a pupil from year-6, completed the 'double' by winning the crown and the chair for her poetry and her story writing.

It was a close run event throughout, but eventually captains Lewis Bumford and Aimee Canty lifted the



Manon Wiliam receiving her crown and chair.

shield for the Hafren house for the first time.

Headteacher Mrs Owen, said: "It was a fabulous day and all the children gave a 100 per cent effort in everything that they did, we are all very proud of each and every one of them."

## Chairman gives 'scenic tour' of the National Trust Wales

**THE March meeting of Ystradowen and district WI took place on another very cold winter evening, but there was good turnout to welcome the speaker, Mr Roger Sellick, chairman of the National Trust in Wales.**

He gave members a 'tour' through Wales, highlighting the beautiful and very varied properties owned and cared for by the Trust.

It started in Anglesey, Plas Newydd, an elegant house on the banks of the Menai Straits, boasting spectacular

views of Snowdon and including an impressive mural of a vast seascape by Rex Whistler.

We travelled to Bodnant Gardens in Conwy where the gardens are quite stunning and on to Plas yn Rhiw, an intimate manor house with more spectacular views – across Cardigan Bay.

The tour stopped in mid Wales to admire Powys Castle, a fantastic setting for open air concerts in the summer.

The tour also took in Chirk Castle, a magnificent

14th century fortress situated in the Welsh Marches.

Corrina Turner gave a vote of thanks to Mr Sellick and president Jan Foyle chaired the business for the month.

In June, a small group is visiting Blenheim Palace and in August, a larger group is looking forward to a day at Denman College.

The date for the next meeting is April 6. On March 23, members are meeting at the White Lion in Ystradowen.

EL

## Glamorgan Law launched

advertisement

**BEECH & CO,** commercial property and business law specialists based at Cowbridge, have celebrated their merger with Peter

**Davies, Solicitors, of Cardiff who merged with James & Bulteel and Anthony Jewell & Co of Pontypridd earlier this year.**

The firms have now joined together under the umbrella of a new business venture called Glamorgan Law.

The launch was celebrated at an event attended by south Wales business leaders at The Bear Hotel in Cowbridge on St David's Day.

A keynote address was given by Dyfrig John of HSBC and a response by Peter Davies, managing partner of the newly-merged firm and president of the Cardiff Law Society.

Richard Beech said: "Glamorgan Law represents a great opportunity for us to offer our rapidly-growing client base in

south Wales and elsewhere a full range of services.

"Each member firm of Glamorgan Law will retain its individual identity and specialist focus but will be able to call on the skills of the other parts of the new business when needed. It's good for us and good for our clients."

"Glamorgan Law will be able to provide services, including commercial property, business advice, house buying and selling, wills, probates and trusts and now professional negligence, employment law, family law and litigation."

Contact [www.glam-law.co.uk](http://www.glam-law.co.uk)

**beech & co**  
lawyers

Residential Conveyancing - Commercial Property  
Business Advice - Wills & Probate  
Dispute Resolution

**Please contact Richard Beech**  
The Business Centre, Town Hall Square  
Cowbridge CF71 7EE - Tel. 01446 771742  
[www.glamlaw.co.uk](http://www.glamlaw.co.uk)

**glamorganlaw**

You are invited to the  
**Barry Sixth Form**  
**Information Evening**  
for prospective Sixth Form students

Find out more on  
**Thursday 17th March**  
at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive  
from 6PM to 8PM

We offer over 40 different subjects  
at AS / A2, BTEC, WBQ  
& Principal Learning, the  
highest number in the locality.

Barry Comprehensive School  
01446 411411  
[www.barrycomp.com](http://www.barrycomp.com)

Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School  
01446 403500  
<http://brynhafren.webeden.co.uk/>





# Driver is sentenced after crash which killed two friends

**TWO teenage boys with glowing futures ahead of them died instantly when a car in which they were passengers crashed into a wall near Southerndown, after the vehicle went out of control as it travelled through a deep pool of water, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.**

The driver Nicholas Landon (18) of Bridgend was at the wheel of his Suzuki Swift and had passed his test a month before. He had been travelling between 64.6 mph and 71.4 mph on the narrow, badly lit road before losing control.

Landon was sentenced to 20 months in a young offender institution and disqualified from driving for three years after pleading guilty to causing the deaths of Roy Thomas and Alex Jones by careless driving.

A friend of the group, Jack Germain (19) of Bridgend, who had also been travelling at a high speed along the same road, and who was overtaken by Landon, admitted a charge of careless driving and was fined £500, ordered to pay £100 costs and was disqualified from driving for six months.

Judge Neil Bidder said Landon had taken the lives of his two passengers.

"They were all close friends, only 17, living happy and fruitful lives with great potential futures".

He added: "No sentence I impose will bring them back, nor will any sentence or words remove the pain and suffering of their family and friends."

Both men, he said, had been driving at "grossly excessive speeds".

Landon, he said, must have seen the water but effectively ignored the conditions.

"The deaths of the two have had serious consequences for their families and they have suffered intense grief."

Inexperience, he said, was a contributory factor, and the case represented

## Report by AJ SICLUNA

a tragedy for Landon and his family. The surface water, said the judge, should not have been permitted to remain on the road.

Prosecutor David Elias said the incident occurred on November 16, 2009 on the Bridgend to Southerndown road near the Pelican pub.

The road had a 40-mile an hour limit.

Moments before the crash, Landon had overtaken a Ford Fiesta driven by Germain.

"Landon was driving in a careless manner well above the speed limit," he said. Earlier, they had all gathered at Bridgend retail park and decided to go to the coast.

Mr Jones was in the front seat with Mr Thomas in the back. All were wearing seat belts.

Driving conditions, said Mr Elias, were difficult. From CCTV footage it was established that Landon was doing between 64.6 and 71.4 mph passing the Pelican pub.

He went over the brow of a hill and ahead of him was a large puddle of deep standing water.

The car hit the water and went out of control. The rear fishtailed and the nearside crashed into a boundary wall.

Mr Germain's speed near the pub was estimated at between 60.8 and 67.2 mph. When he arrived on the scene, he found the Suzuki on its side with the driver and passengers inside and he did everything possible to assist.

Only the driver, said Mr Elias, demonstrated any vital signs. A doctor arrived and found both passengers dead.

The puddle of water, he said, had been due to a blocked drain cover. There were indications that the crashed car had not braked. The vehicle hit the wall at between 40 and 50 mph.

Mr Elias said that if Landon had been driving within the speed limit he could have stopped when he saw the water and

before colliding with the wall. It was well known, he said, that pools of water built up on that road.

When the police interviewed Landon, he said he had no recollection of the incident but was aware the road was subject to a 40 mph limit.

Germain said he was aware there would have been puddles in the area as he had driven along the road about 100 times.

Daniel Williams, representing Landon, said the case did not involve racing or competitive driving and he accepted that excessive speed was the cause of the accident.

The pub landlord had referred to the stretch of water as a lake, 28.5 metres long, wide and deep.

It posed, said Mr Williams, a substantial unforeseeable risk for drivers and had been there five days.

The landlord himself had sometimes physically unblocked the drain and had not seen local

authority staff do that.

Mr Williams said: "It represented an accident waiting to happen."

Landon would have seen the water when only five metres from it. Landon himself, said Mr Williams, was seriously injured. He was in a coma for five days with collapsed lungs, multiple fractures and a torn bladder.

"He would do everything in his power to turn back the clock. He is deeply sorry he cannot, and for what he has done."

Peter Davies, for Germain, said he immediately contacted the emergency services and tried to seek responses from those in the crashed car.

"He has lived under the cloud of this matter for some time. Luckily, he dealt with the surface water without incident."

"The profound effect of what happened will last a lifetime. It has haunted him."

Landon, the court heard, will have to take a special test of competence to drive.

## Currying favour with Eisteddfod!



LEFT: Dr Dylan Jones, chairman of the Eisteddfod's executive committee; Janet Davies, event organiser; Anhar Miah of The Mughal.

**LOCAL fundraising for the National Eisteddfod 2012 in the Vale has got under way, with a successful first event for the Welsh St Donats area appeals committee.**

Around 100 people met at Cowbridge's Mughal Emperor restaurant last Sunday evening (March 6) to enjoy a curry, raising over £900 in the process.

Event organiser Janet Davies from Prysg said: "Our first fundraising event was a great success and I am very grateful to Anhar Miah and his team at The Mughal for making us so welcome. Thanks also to everyone who attended and who contributed to the convivial atmosphere of the evening."

The next event planned by the committee is a rugby forum at The Bear Hotel on Thursday, May 19. On the question panel will be Scarlets coach and former Irish rugby union international Simon Easterby, who will be joined by other well-known rugby celebrities.

For tickets and more information about the event please contact Sian-Elin Jones on 01446 781129.

**Cyrri ar Gyrion y Bont-Faen**

**MAE'R ymgyrch leol i godi arian tuag at Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Bro Morgannwg 2012 gan bwyllgor apêl Llanddunwyd a'r Cylch wedi cychwyn gyda noson lwyddiannus yn Mwyty'r Mughal ar gyrion y Bont-Faen.**

Daeth oddeutu 100 o bobl ynghyd i fwynhau ac i gymdeithasu nos Sul ddiwethaf (6 Mawrth), gan godi dros £900.

Dwywedodd trefnydd y noson Janet Davies, "Ry ni'n falch iawn fod ein digwyddiad codi arian cyntaf wedi bod mor llwyddiannus a dwi'n dra ddiolchgar i Anhar Miah a'i dim yn y Mughal am roi cymaint o groeso i ni. Diolch hefyd i bawb wnaeth gefnogi a gwneud y noson yn un hwylus dros ben."

Fforwm Rygbi yng Ngwesty'r Bear ar nos Iau, Mai 19 yw digwyddiad nesaf y pwyllgor apêl yma. Yn ymuno ar y panel gyda Simon Easterby; hyfforddwr y Sgarlets a chyn chwaraewr rygbi rhyngwladol Iwerddon, fydd nifer o enwogion eraill y byd rygbi.

Ceir tocynnau a mwy o fanylion oddi wrth Sian-Elin Jones ar 01446 781129.

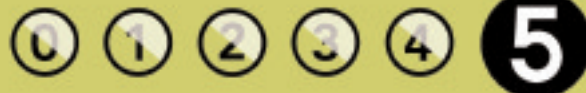


## St David's Day celebrations at Welsh medium playgroup

**THE children at Cylch Meithrin Bethesda celebrated with Welsh songs, daffodil hat making and Welsh cakes in Barry. All the staff and children dressed in national costume or something suitable in red!**

**Mae'n dod yn haws adnabod hylendid bwyd da**  
**Good food hygiene is getting easier to spot**

**SGÔR HYLENDID BWYD**  
**FOOD HYGIENE RATING**



DA IAWN  
VERY GOOD

Mae'r Cynllun Sgorio Hylendid Bwyd ar y gorwel. Mae'n sgorio'r mannau lle byddwch chi'n bwyta neu'n prynu bwyd, a hynny ar sail safonau hylendid. Mae sgôr o ddim yn golygu bod angen gwella ar frys, a sgôr o bump yn dda iawn. Cofiwch chwilio am y sticer neu cymwch gip ar y sgoriau ar-lein drwy food.gov.uk/ratings - cliciwch ar 'Cymraeg'.

The Food Hygiene Rating Scheme is coming. It rates the places you eat or buy food on hygiene standards. Zero means urgent improvement necessary, five means very good. Look out for the sticker or check the ratings online at food.gov.uk/ratings



**Asiantaeth Safonau Bwyd**  
food.gov.uk  
**Food Standards Agency**

Cynhell y cynllun mewn partneriaeth â'ch awdurdod leol  
This scheme is run in partnership with your local authority

Working For You  
**Create Your Day**

15th March 2011 - Mount Street, Barry

16th March 2011 - St Mary's Golf Club, Bridgend

16th April 2011 - Gurnell Park, On Ayl

8th May 2011 - Pwllt Llan, Cardiff Bay

22nd May 2011 - The Gaze House, Llanston (Bridgend)

For tickets and more information about the event please contact Sian-Elin Jones on 01446 781129.

**Cyrri ar Gyrion y Bont-Faen**



# Voters in the Vale and Bridgend are poles apart when it comes to referendum

GEM readers will probably be aware that this newspaper covers a wide area – in the main the two areas covered by the two local authorities of the Vale of Glamorgan and of Bridgend county borough.

Politically, Bridgend was held by Labour, even at the low point of the party's fortunes at the last election, while the Vale has been a key marginal for as long as anyone can remember.

However, the two areas have never been further apart than at last week's referendum on law making powers for Wales.

Bridgend was rock solid in support, with more than double the voters saying 'yes' than saying 'no'.

On a turnout of 35.4 per cent, there were 25,063 in favour (68.1 per cent of votes cast), and only 11,736 on the negative side.

However, in the Vale there was a higher turnout (39.7 per cent) but the voters came within a whisker of joining Monmouth as the only borough to say no.

The yes voters

## REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

totalled 19,430, gaining 52.5 per cent of the vote, while the negatives added up to 17,551.

As the only local authority to vote no was Monmouth – widely perceived to be the most Anglicised – does this mean that the Vale is the same?

Alternatively, does it mean that the Conservatives failed to get in step behind Welsh leader Nick Bourne, who was part of the all-party push for a yes vote?

Surprisingly, both yes campaigns were hailing the result a success.

Tim Thomas of Plaid was the campaign co-ordinator for Bridgend county borough – working alongside First Minister Carwyn Jones, although he will be standing against him in the May Assembly elections – and he put the good yes result down to hard work.

He said: "I believe our close cooperation was one of the prime reasons why 68.1 per cent of the county borough voted in favour of primary law-making

powers for Wales.

"This was not only the seventh highest yes vote in Wales, but also the biggest swing in favour of a yes from the 1997 referendum in the whole of Wales."

The much narrower win in the Vale was, according to yes campaign co-ordinator and Castleland Labour Vale Councillor, Chris Elmore, was also down to team work.

He said: "A yes vote in the Vale is incredible in my view. This is down to the hard work of all those who worked on the campaign locally, from across the political divide."

"When you consider that those who voted no in 1997 totalled almost 65 per cent of all votes cast, achieving more than 50 per cent voting yes is incredible, and just shows that people in the Vale are more supportive of the Assembly and what it is doing to improve Wales."

Coun Elmore said that over the last 12 years, voters had become more aware of how the Assembly could make a difference.

He said: "Clearly the commitment of the constituency AMs, Jane Hutt and Lorraine Barrett, and those who have served on the regional list, has also shown voters that AMs and the Assembly are committed to the many communities of Wales including the Vale."

Kevin Mahoney, who campaigned for a no vote in the Vale, felt that the resources of the yes campaign had been too much to counter.

He said: "We had all four parties against us, and trade union leaders speaking out, and they had no mandate from their members as far as I am aware."

He added that now that the yes campaigners had won, they were already talking about taking powers that, during the campaign, they had denied they were interested in.

He said: "Dafydd Elis Thomas did not talk about abolishing the Welsh Office during the campaign. That course of action would leave us with even less representation in Westminster than now."

Plaid Cymru AM Chris Francis said: "It is absolutely wonderful that there has been a change of view in the Vale since the Assembly was formed more than a decade ago."

"Obviously, the people of the Vale responded to the positive message from the 'Yes for Wales' campaign."

"I respect the views of those who voted no. As Assembly Members and as a Welsh government, we will have to work harder to overcome their concerns."

Porthcawl town councillor Chris Smart, a Conservative who was a staunch supporter of the no campaign, acknowledged that Bridgend had followed the national pattern with two thirds in favour of giving the Assembly extra powers.

"Personally, I am bitterly disappointed, but as a democrat, I have to go along with this result and I hope that the Assembly will use its new powers wisely for the benefit of both the people of Bridgend and also of Wales."

## Leekes store introduces new Monsoon bed linen for spring

UPDATING bed linen is a quick and easy way of giving your bedroom a whole new look – and what better way to inject some fresh, spring colour into your boudoir than with the new ranges from famous high-street name, Monsoon?

Sally Coombes, bed linen expert at Leekes, said: "Like we have in other rooms in the house, we're moving away from the good old neutral palette and

gaining confidence when it comes to colour.

"As the 2011 collections from Monsoon shows, it's all about subtle colour additions that are lifting the overall look and feel of the bedroom, rather than an invasion of abstract pattern and acid brights, she said.

"It's a great time to be giving your bedroom a whole new look, Sally added."

# Police Inspector in court over child sex offences

A police inspector from the Coychurch area has been charged with a series of child sex offences.

South Wales Police Inspector Geraint Lloyd Evans was charged last week with five offences:

1. Conspiring with others to incite engagement in unlawful sexual activity with a child under 13;
2. Possession of Section 1 ammunition;
3. Three offences of making indecent images of children;
4. Possession of four child abuse images;
5. Possession of extreme pornography.

Llanelli Magistrates Court decided that Inspector Evans will be held on remand and will appear at Swansea Crown Court tomorrow (March 11) along with three members of the public who have also been charged with offences related to indecent images of children.

The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) is managing an investigation by South Wales Police (SWP) Public Protection Unit into allegations that 47-year-old Inspector Evans was in possession of indecent images of children.

A separate SWP criminal investigation in connection with this case has led to the arrest of four members of the public. Three have been charged and are being held on remand.

The IPCC Commissioner for Wales, Tom Davies said:

"I am satisfied that this is being thoroughly investigated. It would be inappropriate to comment further now that the judicial process has started."

A SWP statement said: "A 49-year-old male from the Cardiff area, a 49-year-old male from the Neath area, and a 54-year-old male from the Ross-on-Wye area, appeared at Llanelli Magistrates Court on March 3, 2011, charged with a number of

offences related to indecent images of children, including conspiracy to incite or engage in sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 years – contrary to Section 1.1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

"All three men were remanded in custody. They are due to appear at Swansea Crown Court on Friday, March 11."

The statement went on: "A 49-year-old male from the Ystrad Mynach

area also appeared at Llanelli Magistrates court on March 4, charged in relation to indecent images of children, including conspiracy to incite or engage in sexual activity with a child under the age of 13 years – contrary to Section 1.1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977.

"He was remanded in custody and is due to appear before Swansea Crown Court on Friday, March 11."

## Man jailed after biting an innocent passer-by

by AJ SICLUNA

A YOUNG couple walking home through the centre of Barry were the victims of a totally unprovoked attack on New Year's Eve, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Craig Harris had the side of his jaw bitten by 23-year-old Ricky Smith, who then attacked Mr Harris' girlfriend, Suzanne Ford, by rugby tackling her to the pavement, said prosecutor Tony Trigg.

Smith, of Barry, was jailed for a total of 20 months. He admitted wounding Mr Harris, causing Miss Ford actual bodily harm, and a breach of a conditional discharge for shoplifting.

Said Judge Philip Richards: "This was quite a nasty and frightening attack on two innocent people on New Year's Eve when everyone should have been happy and celebrating. You used your teeth as a weapon, as well as your fists."

Mr Trigg said that as the couple walked through Barry, they heard Smith shouting at them, something which he believed would provoke a confrontation.

He ran across the road and punched

Mr Harris hard in the face. There was a struggle and Smith lashed out and Mr Harris was stunned. Suddenly, Smith put him into a hold and bit the side of his face.

Mr Harris later said it felt as if he was trying to rip the side of his face off.

Seconds later, Smith rugby tackled Ms Ford.

Mr Harris was taken to hospital and the wound was stitched under anaesthetic. He was shocked and upset, and underwent regular blood tests to check he had no infections.

Ms Ford had grazing to her knees, scratch marks and sore ribs.

Smith was traced through CCTV footage and, said Mr Trigg, was well known to the police.

He was said to have convictions for a public order offence, assaulting the police, shoplifting, battery and theft.

Claire Pickthall representing him said: "He had a difficult childhood and has had difficulties with alcohol. There was no justification for what he did and it involved mistaken identity. He was gutted when he thought of the injuries he inflicted on Mr Harris."

## 'We aim to raise awareness on consequences of cuts' – SAYS LOCAL CAMPAIGN GROUP

TRADE UNIONS and community groups throughout the Vale have united to campaign against proposed cuts.

The 'Vale of Glamorgan Against the Cuts' (VGAC) group says it is working to raise awareness of the impact that the cuts are having and will increasingly have within the local community.

VGAC is concerned about the long-term impacts that will arise within Cardiff and Vale healthcare as a result of the £80 million shortfall that will arise from the April 2011 budget. The group says that with such a massive budget shortfall, coupled with the application of recruitment freezes in certain areas, the impact for patients could be catastrophic.

VGAC is also alarmed that attacks are being made on essential services such as school crossing patrols and youth offending services, and that so-called non-essential services such as leisure are under increasing threat of privatisation.

With further job losses expected to be announced soon, VGAC is determined to

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

engage the community and provide a voice for people who are against public spending cuts.

Jenny Griffin, VGAC spokesperson, said: "We are experiencing the biggest challenge for a generation. The Westminster government is making a political choice to cut Baby Bonds, Child Benefit and Sure Start – and they now have Disability Living Allowance and Incapacity Benefit in their sights."

"It is shocking to see services such as school crossing patrols facing attack – it is the right of every single school child to travel to school safely, and that level of safety is being put in jeopardy to save money."

"In Wales, we are experiencing a substantial budget reduction. There is already an education funding gap of £604 per pupil in our education system – yet Mr Cameron claims that Wales is receiving a 'fair deal'. Frankly, I don't think Wales is receiving a fair deal."

"It really is an insult to our communities and those that work hard to deliver services

to support those communities. Our society and welfare state is being made to pay because of the mistakes made by the financial sector."

"There is £123 billion of uncollected, avoided and evaded taxes that could be collected by the UK government – yet they would rather allow those less well off in society to take the pain."

"VGAC is working to highlight these issues."

The Vale of Glamorgan Against the Cuts campaign has launched a Facebook page under the same name.

An event has also been scheduled to take place on March 12 at Barry Town Hall.

A brass band will be playing and campaign coordinators will be available to talk about any cuts or service reductions that might be concerning local people.

For further information about how to get involved, or to join the campaign group as an individual, or as a community group, please contact Jenny Griffin on 029 20729463.

(SEE UNISON ADVERT IN THIS WEEK'S GEM)

Suppliers of quality wooden kitchen utensils, games and gardening products

wood'n it be nice..



T: 01446 773231 F: 01446 775293  
E: sales@wibnice.co.uk

Please visit our website where you can see our full range of products and order online  
[www.wibnice.co.uk](http://www.wibnice.co.uk)

## Timberaway Garden and Tree Services (NPIC)

Qualified Tree Surgeon  
Fully Insured  
All types of garden and tree work undertaken.

Competitive prices which include Waste removal

Martin Robson awaits your call!

01446 402848

07739 389578





# After the conclusive 'YES' vote in the Referendum on streamlining the work of the National Assembly... **WALES IS MOVING ON!**

**I**t has been heartening to hear the wide range of positive responses to the result of the Referendum last week, which gave a clear expression of public opinion by voting to improve the way laws are made in Wales.

I have enjoyed the last few weeks of discussion on the doorstep, in shopping areas and at meetings explaining what the referendum was all about and encouraging my constituents to vote Yes last Thursday.

*My simple message was that it would make Wales a stronger part of the UK, ensuring that laws that only affect Wales, such as health, transport, housing and education, are dealt with in Wales.*

With the combined efforts of all those involved in the Referendum campaign, the message got through to enough people to win the vote last Thursday with a respectable turn-out in the Vale of Glamorgan, given the constitutional complexities of the Referendum.

But I am also clear that we owe it to those who voted No or didn't vote at all, that we still have to prove our worth and serve their needs and meet their concerns.

Over the past year, I have been negotiating with the Chief

Secretary to the Treasury, Danny Alexander MP, to make the case for Wales to have more flexibility in the level and management of our finances.

The One Wales Government appointed an independent Commission chaired by the economist, Professor Gerry Holtham, which reported last year.

The Commission concluded that we are underfunded by £300million as a result of the application of the out-dated Barnett formula, which is used to calculate our share of funding from the UK Government.

Gerry Holtham has proposed that a funding 'floor' be implemented to prevent further funding shortfalls emerging via this formula.

His recommendations received unanimous all-party support in the Assembly.

The Chief Secretary has said the UK Government would consider the Holtham recommendations after the Referendum and cited the importance of reducing the budget deficit as a priority.

We are playing our part in this respect, choosing to absorb the £163m revenue and capital budget cuts imposed on us last year and securing Assembly support for a budget for 2011-13, which seeks to protect our public services and support our economic recovery. I have now written to the Chief Secretary to say that

## ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM  
(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

the positive result from the Referendum should now give the green light to opening meaningful discussions about the Holtham Commission recommendations for fairer funding mechanisms for Wales.

The First Minister, Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM made a statement to the Assembly on Tuesday, March 8 on 'the next steps' following the positive result on Thursday and he said that moving forward with the Holtham recommendations was part of the work that needed to be taken forward.

We have a range of responsibilities as elected representatives and Ministers serving in the

National Assembly for Wales, crafting the right policies for Wales, ensuring that we have an adequate funding base and developing legislation when it is appropriate to do so.

As Carwyn Jones said this week: "Thursday's Referendum was more than the streamlining of the law-making process - it demonstrated that Wales is an ambitious country, eager to get on."

I am eager to play my part, as Finance Minister, to ensure we have an adequate funding base, albeit constrained by UK Government cuts, taking our share of the budget deficit reduction, but making the clear case for an improved and fairer settlement.

We engage with the UK Government with a stronger voice as a result of last week's vote and as one young person who went out to vote yes, said to me on Friday: "The world has moved on as a result of the vote!"

This is about us showing that we have got confidence to do the best we can for Wales - our economy, our communities, our young people and senior citizens.

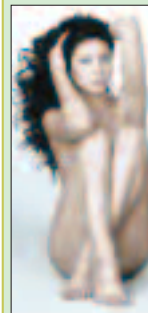
Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you more effectively as a result of the positive outcome of the Referendum last Thursday.

## ACTION COFFEE

ACTION Medical Research is holding a coffee morning in St Helen's Church Hall, Wyndham Street, Barry, on Tuesday, March 15 at 10.30am-noon, courtesy of the Mayor of the Vale. Tickets £1.50, to include tea/coffee and a biscuit.

## Skin Studio of Penarth

Advanced Treatments,  
Advanced Results



**'Lose a dress size  
in 1 month'**

At Skin Studio we are helping you shift those excess inches before your holiday. We are running an exclusive, one time only offer for one week only.

**8 i lipo treatments  
reduced from £720  
to just £200!!**

Take the loss from the body, not from the bank this summer and let us sculpt your perfect body.

**So, take the plunge this summer in the bikini you really want and call Skin Studio to book this amazing offer!**

*The revolutionary i lipo is a low level laser that releases trapped fat cells from stubborn areas.*

Terms and conditions: Clients must pay full amount by Saturday, 19th March. The full 8 treatments must be used within 3 months of purchase. Clients must commit to regular exercise and healthy eating throughout the course to get best results. No money back guarantee.

**112-113 Glebe Street,  
Penarth, CF64 1EB  
T: 02921 250 221**

**E: skinstudio@hotmail.co.uk  
W: www.skinstudiowales.com**

# FABULOUS BED AND BEDROOM OFFERS



Imperial Sliding Door wardrobe in Beech Colour with Centre Mirror. 2.5m wide. Was £2699

**Now £499**



Jazz 3'0" Two Drawer Divan. Was £299

**Now £199**

**OVER 50  
NEW BEDS  
ON DISPLAY**

**Our best ever selection  
of mattresses -**

**ALL REDUCED, ALL QUALITY BRANDS  
100's of mattresses to clear**



4'0" and 4'6" Myers Absolute Luxury Divan with 2 Free Drawers. Was £449

**Now £299**



3'0" Memory Air, Pocket Sprung, Remote Controlled Electrically Adjusted Bed with 5 year guarantee. Was £995

**Now £495**



Kent - 3 Door, 3 Drawer Centre Mirror Wardrobe in Beech Colour. 1.36m wide. Was £499

**Now £349**



Vezalay - All Mirror Sliding Door Wardrobe in Beech Colour. 2.0m wide. Was £949

**Now £499**

**FREE  
DELIVERY AND  
ASSEMBLY WITH  
ALL OF THESE  
FABULOUS  
WARDROBES**



Kent - 4 Door Wardrobe with 2 Centre Mirrors in Beech Colour. 1.81m wide. Was £499

**Now £369**



Wardrobe in Beech Colour. 2.25m wide. Was £599

**Now £399**

**town &  
country**

Call into our showroom  
@ 5-7 Brackla Street Centre, Bridgend CF31 1BZ  
**01656 653147**  
[www.townandcountryfurniture.co.uk](http://www.townandcountryfurniture.co.uk)





# CARDIFF ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

## More than meets the eye!

# BARRY PROVIDES STRENGTH AND VARIETY IN ITS LOCAL ECONOMY!

by TIM CHAPMAN

**T**he health of any economy is the provision of a wide variety of businesses, offering a number of services – and on both counts Cardiff Road and the local industrial estates score highly.

Not only are there service-related companies offering vital support to the local community and other businesses, there are manufacturers and product providers, too.

Glamorgan Garden Timber Products is a niche supplier of 'garden

furniture'. Philip Harding, the manager, explained: "We have fencing, trellis work, bird houses, garden chairs, picnic benches and wishing wells.

"The products are made in Bridgend, but shortly we will be making them in the unit next door."

The company, which opened last year, can even supply small quantity orders the same day.

With the spring and summer months under way, it is expecting a busy time, as local people plan what to do in their gardens this year.

The astonishing variety of the businesses in

*The Business Centre – a key cog in the Vale's economy.*



the area is shown by Baymarine Services (Marine) Ltd, which offers its services not just in the UK but abroad too.

Ian Morgan explained: "Baymarine Services is involved in the tank cleaning, engine room cleaning and painting in the marine industry."

"We carry this work out and deal with either the owners' or contractors' account. We regularly work in European and UK dry docks as well as tank farms and factory sites, we also do sea going and wet dock work."

"While most of our

work is charged at an hourly rate, where there is clear specification and/or tender documents we can quote a fixed rate."

"Business to business" companies feature prominently in the Cardiff Road area.

Corona Lighting is celebrating 20 years of trading this year.

The managing director, Matthew Day, said: "We are a wholesale business which offers commercial lighting for business use, and a large range of energy saving products."

Another 'B2B' company is The Business Centre.

Its manager, James Mason, pointed out: "At The Business Centre, we have a number of years experience within the serviced office industry and understand that along with competitive prices we need to offer the highest level of customer service and professional outlook for businesses."

"With flexible, serviced office space, conference and meeting room facilities, free car parking and extensive business support services, we believe The Business Centre would be the ideal place to establish immediate credibility and inspiration for a business and prospective clients."

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 15)



*ABOVE: For a cheerful early morning welcome and great snacks and meals, people can visit Bakers Baguettes.*

*The industrial estates in Barry are a vital part of a vibrant local economy.*



**"ECLIPSING YOUR ENERGY BILLS FOR 20 YEARS!"**

Wales' largest distributor for Megaman, the best quality energy saving and LED lamps you can buy! Solar panels, photovoltaic cells AND installation!

ORDER via our new website, phone or fax

**www.coronalighting.co.uk**  
Tel: 01446 744477/Fax: 01446 744473

4c Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston, Barry, CF63 2XA

**ASGUARD LTD**  
LICENCED ASBESTOS REMOVAL SERVICES  
Tel: 01446 736012

## Asbestos Removal & Disposal Services

- Industrial
- Commercial
- Residential

Fully licensed through the Health & Safety Executive: Licence Number: 4061105056

**'If in doubt, call the experts out!'**

### SERVICES WE OFFER:

Asbestos Removal & Disposal • Asbestos Management, Refurbishment & Demolition Surveys • Demolition & Soft Stripping • Asbestos Sampling • Arlex Ceiling Removal • Asbestos Shed & Garage Roofs removed & reinstated • Asbestos Soffits and Facia Boards • Asbestos Floor Tiles • Reinstatement Projects.

Lowest prices guaranteed

**CALL NOW FOR A FREE NO OBLIGATION QUOTATION FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE SERVICES.**

Unit 14, Palmerston Workshops, Palmerston Road, BARRY, Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2YZ.

Tel: 01446 736002 • Fax: 05601 267075  
E-Mail: asguardltd@btconnect.com  
Mobile: 07843 578119

## BAYMARINE SERVICES (Marine) LTD

**Professional Tank Cleaning, Marine Coatings, Jet Washing & Riding Crew**  
- Worldwide & Offshore -

Tel: 01446 745280

www.baymarineindsvcs.co.uk  
sales@baymarineindsvcs.co.uk

Unit 5, Palmerston Workshops, Palmerston, Barry CF63 2YZ

## GLAMORGAN Garden Timber PRODUCTS

Fencing – All Sizes.  
Sheds Made to Order.  
Garden Furniture – Tables, Chairs and Benches  
Decorative Wheelbarrows, Wishing Wells, Planters and Bird Tables.

**TOP QUALITY AT FACTORY PRICES**

3 Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2QY

01446 732542

www.gardentimberproducts.com

**VFM THE MEAT SUPERSTORE**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & TRADE**  
Half Price Whole Frozen Ducks (1.7 kilos) Was £5.99 NOW £2.99  
WHILE STOCKS LAST

**DISCOUNT GROCERY SECTION**  
Two Litres of Milk ONLY £1  
Household, Pet Foods, Plus Much More  
Monday - Saturday 7.30am - 5.30pm  
Sunday 9.00am - 2.00pm

Unit 5, Palmersvale Business Centre, Palmerston Road, Barry CF63 2XA  
Telephone 01446 721206  
PLENTY OF PARKING

FULL SELECTION OF BBQ MEAT PACKS • BACON • SAUSAGES • PORK • BEEF • ETC.

**Bakers Baguettes**

Sandwiches, Baguettes, Filled Rolls, Paninis, Jacket Potatoes, Pies, Pasties & Salad Pots, Hot & Cold Drinks.  
Daily Specials – Hot Roast Beef, Chicken Curry, Rice and Chips, etc.  
Full Breakfasts and Breakfast Rolls,  
PLUS LOTS MORE

Unit 9 Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry, CF63 2BE  
Tel. 01446 421405 07779 661980  
www.bakersbaguettes.com

**AutoPro**

**BODY REPAIRS  
RESPRAYS  
MOT PREPARATION  
SERVICE & CAR SALES**

Unit 7  
Cardiff Road Business Park  
Cardiff Road  
Barry CF63 2PQ  
Tel. (01446) 700066  
Mobile (07967) 988143

**1st Line** Your Local Taxi Company  
FOR A FRIENDLY, RELIABLE SERVICE

**TAXIS & MINIBUS**

**24/7 Service**

**RETURN DEALS:**  
Barry to Cardiff from £30  
Please call for details  
**01446 722-888**

**HOWE MOTORS LTD.**  
Est. 1994  
**Vehicle Repair Bodyshop**

Authorised Repairer for Radar (No fault claims)

• Accident Damage Repairs Undertaken  
• Same Day Alloy Wheel Refurbishment  
• Dent Removal • Bumper Scuffs  
• Insurance Repairs Undertaken  
• Scratch Removal

**No Job too BIG or too SMALL**

Tel: 01446 720012  
Cardiff Road Business Park  
Cardiff Road, Barry, CF63 2PQ  
Email: sales@howemotors.co.uk



## CARDIFF ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATES

More than meets the eye!

**Matthew Thomas of Asguard helps with asbestos removal and surveys.**



(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14)

"We also have a free on-site gymnasium for all in-house clients and an in-house coffee shop, The Coffee Zone."

People can approach The Business Centre for prices and the latest offers.

For people concerned about the removal of asbestos, Asguard could provide the solution. The managing director, Matthew Thomas, who is Barry born and bred, commented: "We can do asbestos removal and asbestos surveys. We also have a '24 hour' service which can respond to emergencies."

The company started in 2005 and is HSE licensed. Manufacturing and B2B companies are also complemented in the Palmerston and Cadoux areas by strong retail concerns.

VFM Meat Supplies, owned by Simon Nash, has a simple, but effective mission statement.

Simon revealed: "We aim to cut out the middleman to keep prices low."

He stressed: "We offer something different from supermarkets, cutting the meat freshly every day on the premises – everything is done in-house. We offer best quality and because of bulk buying, we are able to pass savings on to our customers."

VFM is open seven days a week, from 7.30am to 5.30pm every day, apart from Sunday, when it is open from 9am to 2pm.

For those wanting a cheery welcome and something to eat in the morning, there are few better places to visit than Bakers Baguettes, which offers a £1.99 breakfast deal from

7.30am to 11am.

Angela Baker, the owner, said: "We provide a wide selection of baguettes, sandwiches, paninis, hot foods like chicken curries, omlettes, jacket potatoes, tea and coffee and soft drinks."

Bakers Baguettes trades Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 3pm.

1st Line Taxis runs 40 vehicles throughout the Vale, but the manager Mr Iqbal Miah promised: "We'll go anywhere in the world!"

Most journeys take place in and around the Vale and to Cardiff. During the day the taxis are not on a meter, which means prices are kept down. A trip from Barry centre to the outskirts of the town can start for as little as £4.

A return trip to Cardiff starts from £30.



**Glamorgan Garden Timber Products is a niche supplier of 'garden furniture'.**

**Future Window Solutions**

**Specialists in Orangeries & Conservatories**

- All aspects of PVCu windows and doors
- Repairs
- No job too small
- FREE - No obligation quote

**0800 032 0921**

Unit 13, Palmerston Workshops, Palmerston Road, Barry CF63 2YZ

[www.futurewindowssolutions.co.uk](http://www.futurewindowssolutions.co.uk)  
email: [enquiries@futurewindowssolutions.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@futurewindowssolutions.co.uk)

**OFFICE SALE - NOW ON!**

**LIMITED TIME OFFER**

Up to **50% off** serviced office rental when you sign up for 3 months or more office rental in advance\*

Up to **50% off**

**CALL US TODAY!**

[www.theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk](http://www.theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk)

**Call: 0800 634 9920**  
[enquiries@theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@theBusinessCentreOnline.co.uk)

**the businesscentre**  
flexible serviced offices

\* Not applicable to serviced office broker enquiries. Terms and conditions apply. Valid until 30-04-2011, offer applies to new customers only.

## 'NO THREAT TO MAESTEG LIBRARY' local councillor insists

**ASSURANCES** about the future of Maesteg Library have been given to Maesteg Town Council by a valley councillor, **JAYNE ISAAC** reports.

The council received a copy of a petition being organised by the trade union Unison, urging people to protect library services in Bridgend.

The petition follows the decision of the cabinet to impose a 20 per cent cut in the library service's budget which officers have warned could result in further library closures. Three are already closing – Caerau, Blaengarw and Pontycymer.

The cut was agreed at the special cabinet to finalise the budget, although a draft budget produced in November only proposed a six per cent cut in library funding. The council has suffered a 3.6 per cent drop in its income in real terms for the new financial year.

There are fears in Maesteg about the future of the town centre library since a second library was opened at Maesteg Sports Centre. This houses the library service's Welsh and sheet music collections and is also the base for family history.

An earlier report to cabinet has already mentioned the expense of operating on two sites and there are fears that library chiefs will revive their plans to transfer all library services to the

Sports Centre.

They had to drop them several years ago when residents organised a petition and launched a campaign to save the town centre site.

When the petition was discussed at the town council, Coun Ross Thomas reported that there was a feeling in the town that Maesteg Library was being singled out.

"Although services are under review, there's a feeling that Maesteg library is in the firing line for closure and it is frightening people," he said.

However, borough councillor Keith Edwards said he did not like the way that the petition was headed: "The only impact from the library review will be the fact that the library will be closed at lunchtimes. Ross's statement is inflammatory. County borough members have not been told of anything

outside the current library review."

Coun Ross Thomas replied that if the only change affecting Maesteg was the lunchtime closure, then people should be told that that was all that was happening.

Coun Ian Jones said that the petition forms would be left in the council offices and people could sign them if they chose. He also hoped that The GEM would inform people of the petition's existence.

Coun Bill May stated that he would encourage people to sign it: "We have our library services continuing and I am very grateful that it is continuing."

However, Coun Edwards feared that the petition would be misunderstood: "People will think that they are signing to keep Maesteg library open, but the only thing that's happening is the lunchtime closure."

Coun Gareth Howells was reassured to hear that this was the only impact on Maesteg of the library review: "We must make sure that the service in Maesteg is not subjected to cuts. Our library is a prime source of learning."

"Books are a precious resource and libraries are under attack across the country. There are people who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing."

"We must send a message out as a community to say that the library service is important to us and we will support every opportunity we have to encourage people to learn," he added.

Coun Keith Edwards pointed out that if the town council felt strongly about Maesteg library, they could write a letter to the council and ask for confirmation that there was no further threat to Maesteg Library.

*This was agreed.*

## It's all change – again!

**TRAFFIC flows in Bridgend town centre are to be changed once again – as officers fine-tune the current system.**

The main change centres on Nolton Street which the council is proposing to make one way. Traffic will enter the street from the Cowbridge Road end and then travel towards Brackla Street. The one-way section will end at

the junction with Merthyr Mawr Road.

As no traffic will be able to exit the town centre along Nolton Street, it has been decided to alter the direction of traffic using the Rhwi.

At the moment, traffic comes up the hill to join Nolton Street but in future, traffic will travel down the hill and exit the town over the Water Street bridge.

Traffic flows up and down the Rhwi have been changed a number of times in recent years.

There have also been various changes on Derwen Road as highway officers have grappled with the logistics of enabling traffic to access certain parts of the town, leaving the rest pedestrianised. Derwen Road is to remain unchanged in the current set of proposals. The latest proposals were agreed by cabinet at their meeting on Tuesday.

A grant of £9m has been received from the European Regional Development Fund and the Welsh Assembly for further physical improvements in Bridgend town centre.

Work to be carried out will not only regenerate Nolton Street south and Merthyr Mawr Road north but will also consist of work to be done at Court Road, Derwen Road, Elder Street and Cheapside.

Much of the money will be spent on "enhancements" to the public realm – things like pavements, street lights, seats and bins. Traffic management is also covered.

The most significant change being proposed is at Nolton Street, where the one-way system will be introduced from the traffic lights at the Cowbridge Road junction to the junction with Merthyr Mawr Road north.

Officers told cabinet that by bringing in a

one-way system, they could narrow the road to a single lane and replace the double yellow lines with a series of parking lay-bys which would include limited waiting for shoppers to boost trade at that end of town. There would also be loading bays for traders.

The report says: "Not only should this help prevent the sort of obstructive loading and unloading which currently occurs along this road, but it should provide the ability to introduce on-street limited waiting, which should give a significant boost to trade in this area, encouraging new and existing businesses to develop and attract new investment."

The scheme includes widening the pavements using "high quality" materials and will significantly improve a major gateway into the town centre, making it more attractive.

It will also provide a direct access to the council's primary car park at The Rhwi.

A second exit from the town centre is deemed necessary to reduce the pressure on the one at the top Brackla Street, and it has been decided to remove the length of bus lane between Brackla Street and The Rhwi so that traffic can use that stretch of road to go down The Rhwi, either to reach the car park or leave the town centre.

The report states that allowing traffic to continue down Nolton Street and enter Derwen Road was considered but this would be too disruptive as it would mean that the taxi rank on Derwen Road, which is now one-way, would have to be moved in order to accommodate a two-way flow of traffic.

The cabinet agreed to hold consultations on the changes with interested parties. **JJ**

## New councillor

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Mr Walter, 51, who works as a manager in Cardiff, has lived in Porthcawl for six years but comes from the west Midlands. His wife Jayne is a local girl, however. They have three grown up children.

"This result is very pleasing to me personally and I want to thank all the people who supported me and those who worked during the campaign."

"But this result is not for me – it is for the Facebook group from where everything started."

He is taking his seat at tonight (Thursday's) meeting of the council. He has pledged to be truly 'independent' and will judge each issue on its merits.

"I have a clear mandate from the people of Newton and I will judge everything against whether or not it would be good for them."

He is urging all three party leaders on the council to meet him to see how they can work together to work for the future of the town and set party politics to one side.

Newton Conservative councillor Chris Smart stated that the party would have to look at what went wrong with the by-election.

He said: "This was

our safest seat on the borough although of course an independent candidate stood who was an unknown quantity. The fact that there was no Liberal Democrat candidate also complicated matters."

"Even so, I do not think we should have lost this, especially as we had an excellent candidate in Caroline Vaughan."

Coun Smart said that the party must never take its voters for granted and he said that it was time to look at the way that the Conservative group on the town council runs things.

He went on: "The party has to look at itself in the wake of this result. It is a warning shot from the electors across our bows." He said that the town council should have been more tenacious over the issue of regeneration earlier.

Conservative group leader on the town council, Coun David Deere, congratulated Graham Walter on his success, but said: "I am very disappointed we lost the seat in Newton, which was considered a reasonably safe seat. However, the electors have spoken and we must listen to their message."

"We may need to reflect on how we have approached regeneration in the past," he admitted.

## Chivers Restoration

**Suppliers and fitters of Multi-Fuel and Wood-Burning stoves**

Franco Belge, Stovax etc. Competitive prices.

**21-22 Cardiff Road, BARRY (part of The Curiosity Shop)**



**Tel: 01446 720408  
07817 625222**

*All aspects of work undertaken*

Call in for your free checks on Tyres, Batteries, Wipers, Brakes, Coolant and Lights  
[BMWIZW@HOTMAIL.CO.UK](mailto:BMWIZW@HOTMAIL.CO.UK)

**BMW** 07968 103313  
**ITZ**



# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

**Platinum day**  
CONGRATULATIONS to 91-year-olds, Jim and Doreen Collerton, from Pyle Inn Way, Pyle, who will be celebrating 70 years of happy marriage on Tuesday, March 15.

The couple first met when they were stationed in Reading during the war. Jim, from London, was a driver in the Royal Army Service Corps while Doreen, who was born in Swansea, was a member of the Territorial Army serving as an ATS cook, serving the drivers. They had planned to get married in St Mary's Church in Swansea, but unfortunately, it got bombed and so the ceremony was switched to St James' Church.

These days they enjoy tending their garden, getting about exploring different parts of the country and spending time with daughter Jan, her husband Martin and the family.

**Community Watch**  
PCs Mark Child and Suzette Williams from Pyle Neighbourhood Policing Team on Tuesday, March 1

## Meeting over the Eisteddfod

A public meeting is being held on Monday, March 14 at 7pm in Llantwit Major to inform people of how they can help in fundraising towards the staging of the Welsh National Eisteddfod in the Vale next year.

The venue is Illud's 216 restaurant, opposite the town hall. Parking is available behind the town hall.

The National Eisteddfod takes place at Llandow in August 2012.

seized an off-road quad-bike on Ffordd y Mynach, Pyle.

It had been used on the road illegally and will now be crushed.

With regard to the parking issues on Brynglas Terrace with Pyle Road and Bedford Close in Cefn Cribw, regular patrols have been made with only one PACT warning notice being issued.

There have also been regular patrols on Cefn Road, both on foot and by vehicles, with the speed camera van also in attendance and to date, no offences have been committed by passing motorists.

Patrols in all areas will continue and the results will be reported at the next PACT meeting in the Pyle Life Centre, Pyle on March 11 at 6.30pm.

**CAB meeting**  
A MEETING was held last Wednesday between Sarah from the Citizens Advice Bureau, Paula James, chair of Pyle Community Council and officers of the Talbot Community Centre, to arrange monthly sessions of CAB in Kenfig Hill.

Because of the present economic climate and the costs of setting up an area office and also taking into account that the service was needed in Kenfig Hill, the community centre offered the use of their facilities free of charge.

The bureau will begin their first session on Monday, May 4.

**Soup lunches**  
Parish of Kenfig Hill  
THERE will be soup lunches at £3 throughout Lent at Theo's from 12pm-1pm.

On Sunday, March 13, there will be a short Evensong with coffee and a back of the church tidy-up. They are looking for as many volunteers as

possible, so why not go along?

On March 15, there is the Eucharist and annual vestry meeting at 7pm, followed at 8pm by cheese and wine. Tickets £3.50.

**Pyle Community Council**  
BUS shelters – the council has decided to erect three more bus shelters in the community and Coun Paula James will discuss the location of these new shelters with representatives of BCBC.

It is anticipated that two will be placed in Pishgah Street and Bridge Street, with the third to be decided. Coun James will take the opportunity to ask BCBC to undertake the cleaning of these shelters.

**Cricket field** – in response to a letter from BCBC, the Community Council acknowledged that it would not be possible to prepare a cricket square in time for this season.

However, it was resolved to make an early start this year, and instruct the clerk to obtain quotations for the preparation of a cricket square, one of which should be from BCBC, in order that it would be ready for the 2012 season.

**Citizens award** – it has been decided to go ahead with 'the citizens award' for Mynydd Cyffng Comprehensive School.

The award will be in two parts, with one for a pupil residing in Pyle and the other for a pupil in Kenfig Hill. The two trophies are to be perpetual, but each winner will also receive an individual trophy to keep, together with a £30 voucher for WH Smith.

The winners will be chosen by the school and awarded on presentation



## COMMUNITY NEWS from KENFIG HILL AND PYLE

by Richard Sims

Telephone: 01656 746840

Mobile: 07802 439679

E-Mail: richardsims@talktalk.net

day.

**Poppy party** – following a request by the Royal British Legion, the Community Council will team up with the Talbot Community Centre to arrange a fun event to support the Great Poppy Party Weekend on Saturday, June 11. It will be great entertainment, with all proceeds going to the Poppy Appeal.

**Community Tax** – the good news for the residents of Pyle and Kenfig Hill is that, for the third year running and unlike other Community Councils in the Bridgend area, PCC have kept their precept the same and will not be raising the Community Tax for the year 2011.

**The Kenfig Society**  
ON Tuesday, March 15, a talk will be given on 'Industrial South Wales in Art' by Brian Davies, at a meeting of the Kenfig Society at the Pyle Life Society, Pyle, at 7.30pm.

Brian, the curator of the Pontypridd Museum, is a well known speaker to historical societies in the area, as well as being a regular with the Kenfig Society.

Everyone is welcome to what should be an interesting evening when some slides of the industrial scene in the valleys over the last 300 years will be shown.

**St David's Day**  
THE atmosphere was fantastic at the lunch-

con club in the Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill on St David's Day.

With Chef, Gina Hooper, providing a typical Welsh meal, including Cawl and Laver Bread, daffodils everywhere and some of the diners wearing Welsh costumes, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was good to see the village get together and enjoy the day.

**Mynydd Cyffng Junior School**  
CONGRATULATIONS to the following pupils who were nominated for impressing the staff at the school last week: Cai Williams, Class 1, Ben Mulholland, Class 2, Jay Buckley, Class 3, Luke Dingle, Class 4, Kyle Williams, Class 5, Jac Flanagan, Class 6 and Rees Moodie from Class 7.

The headteacher's award went to Callum Wright. Congratulations also go to Lowri Thomas, Olivia Evans, Kyle Williams, Jac Flanagan, Megan Radmore, Jacob Hesketh and Owain Parsons for their excellent behaviour during lunchtime last week.

As a reward they will be joining Mr Goldsworthy for lunch.

Last week, the rugby and netball teams played away to Newton Primary School, Porthcawl.

The 'A' rugby team won by five tries, scored by Luke Dingle, Ceiran Stevens, 3rd, Brooke O'Neil; 1st, Leon Jones, 2nd, Phillip Burnell, 3rd, Callum Brennan.

The 'B' team won by three tries, scored by Leon Jones and two from Morgan Kent to nil.

On the netball court the 'A' team were defeated by 6 goals to 4, even so Taylor Jones was in impressive form.

With Senem Akpinar playing particularly well the 'B' team won by 11 goals to 3.

## Green waste collections

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has asked us to point out that we incorrectly reported on February 24 that the cabinet had agreed to start charging households a fee for collecting green waste at the kerbside.

However, that report to cabinet was withdrawn from the cabinet agenda, so was not discussed or approved at the meeting.

A GEM reporter contacted the council after the cabinet meeting and asked if all the items on the agenda had been approved, as per the recommendations, and was told that they had.

We were not informed that this item had been removed from the agenda. A copy of the report on green waste collection had previously been sent to the GEM as part of the cabinet papers.

We reported the item in good faith but are happy to clear up any misunderstanding.



ABOVE: Kim Burnell, Cheryl Butcher and Blanche Thomas.

**Saint's day**  
IT was nice to see so many pupils dressed in traditional Welsh costume at the annual Mynydd Cyffng Junior School St David's Day concert, in the school on March 1.

Points were awarded to each house for the effort made with the costumes. Overall, the first prize was won by Mynydd Baeden, while the art competition was won by Mynydd Tyltalwyn, with Mynydd Y Castell winning the writing competition.

When all the points were totalled up, Mynydd Tyltalwyn were crowned overall winners.

**Individual winners**

Welsh costume: Class 1 – 1st, Grace Griffiths, 2nd, Nia David, 3rd, Megan Radmore; 1st, Cai Williams, 2nd, Jack Joy, 3rd, Codi Pritchard.

Class 2 – 1st, Shauna Coleman/Molly Leyland, 3rd, Emily Walters/Lucy Clark; 1st, Liam Evans, 2nd, Thomas Llewellyn, 3rd, Connor Jenkins Jack Davies.

Class 3 – 1st, Eryn-Mae Franklyn, 2nd, Paige Cochrane, 3rd, Taryn Mathews; 1st, Cai Downs.

Class 4 – 1st, Hannah Williams, 2nd, Megan Stevens, 3rd, Brooke O'Neil; 1st, Leon Jones, 2nd, Phillip Burnell, 3rd, Callum Brennan.

Class 5 – 1st, Imogen Davies, 2nd, Anwen Owen, 3rd, Kate Thomas/Imogen Davies.

Class 6 – 1st, Millie Evans, 2nd, Taylor Anderson, 3rd, Jac Flanagan/Jessica Davies.

Class 7 – 1st, Alice Webber, 2nd, Callum

Wright, 3rd, Jorden Daniels.

Individual winners – writing: Class 1 – 1st, Megan Radmore, 2nd, Eloise Abraham-Jones, 3rd, Olivia Davies.

Class 2 – 1st, Lucy Clark, 2nd, Mark Underhill, 3rd, Shauna Lewis.

Class 3 – 1st, Lowri Thomas/Brinney Griffiths, 2nd, Jacob Hesketh/Keiron Thomas, 3rd, Olivia Evans/Amy Ruck.

Class 4 – 1st, Rebecca Coleman, 2nd, Megan Stevens, 3rd, Phillip Burnell.

Class 5 – 1st, Anwen Sleath, 2nd, Jade Walker, 3rd, Jack Underhill/William Underhill.

Class 6 – 1st, Rebecca Williams, 2nd, Terri Knight/Holly Tarr, 3rd, Jac Flanagan.

Class 7 – 1st, Jordan Baker, 2nd, Jade Mitchell, 3rd, Lloyd Thomas.

ABOVE: Jim and Doreen Collerton.



## HOW IS YOUR FAVOURITE RESTAURANT DOING IN THE NEW HYGIENE RATINGS?

# Food standards website makes a hesitant start

THE first food hygiene ratings for the Bridgend county borough area are now available on the Food Standards Agency website which shows some local outlets and organisations failing to make the grade 3 'generally satisfactory' rating.

The rating system works in the following way: 0 - urgent improvement necessary; 1 - major improvement necessary; 2 - improvement necessary; 3 - generally satisfactory; 4 - good; 5 - very good.

The scores are part of a scheme run by local authorities in Wales, England and Northern Ireland to give the consumer information about food hygiene standards across their own area.

The Bridgend county borough listings are extensive, with more than 250 establishments listed, from volunteer coffee morning canteens to hotels, but a number of places are not listed yet.

A spokesman for the Food Standards Agency explained: "Each business is given a 'hygiene

rating' when it is inspected by a food safety officer from the business's local authority.

"The hygiene rating shows how closely the business is meeting the requirements of food hygiene law.

"When you eat out or shop for food, you might see a sticker in the window or on the door, or a certificate on display, showing you the hygiene rating for that business.

"Businesses are encouraged to display these stickers and certificates at their premises in a place where you can easily see them when you visit.

"The scheme is new. This means not all businesses in an area running the scheme will have a rating yet."

A Bridgend County Borough Council spokesman added: "Premises are awarded these ratings following inspections by the council's public protection team, who carry out checks on whether their hygiene standards meet legal requirements.

"As part of this, inspectors take into account how food is handled, prepared, cooked, reheated, cooled and stored, the condition and cleanliness of the premises

and how the business manages and records what it does to ensure that food is safe."

At the moment, the amount of information varies from local authority to local authority.

The GEM searched for 'all businesses that handle food in Bridgend county borough' and a total of 258 establishments were listed.

However, an identical search in the Vale of Glamorgan listed only 26!

The GEM has discovered that one local restaurant, the Harvester in Sam, near the Designer Outlet Centre, is currently rated as a '2' – purely due to an input error. The correct figure should be 3.

A Harvester spokesperson said: "We have contacted the EHO regarding this and have been assured this error will be corrected as soon as possible.

"We have acted quickly to rectify any issues and to ensure we maintain the high standards of food safety that we require."

The ratings are available at [www.food.gov.uk/](http://www.food.gov.uk/)

PHILIP IRWIN

## Police probe after 'serious' street assault

MAESTEG police are investigating after a 20-year-old man from Nantymoel was attacked outside the Po Wing Chinese takeaway, at High Street, Ogmere Vale, on February 26 at about 11.30pm.

The victim later required hospital treatment for head injuries. Maesteg Neighbourhood Inspector Ralph Harris said: "This was a very serious and unprovoked attack.

"We are appealing for any witnesses, or for anyone who may have any information with regard to this incident to contact us."

Anyone with information can telephone Inspector Harris at Maesteg police station on 101, or Crimestoppers free and in confidence on 0800 555 111.





# GEM RURAL PROFILE

Promoting NATIONAL PET MONTH April 2nd - May 2nd



## The rural Vale builds on its timeless virtues, to develop a bright future

**A**T the very heart of the rural Vale – and this is hardly a surprise – is the hands-on role played by local farmers.

The local countryside is inextricably linked to the type of farming that takes place, whether it be the wide open spaces along the coast where sheep graze, or the fields divided by neat hedgerows that line the many lanes in the area.

It could be argued that those hedgerows

and fences have kept non-farmers out, fostering a town and country mentality – but things are changing rapidly, as Adrian Evans, the county executive officer at the Farmers' Union of Wales, told The GEM.

He said: "The farming community is aiming to invite more people to visit working farms, which are fascinating places."

"On June 12, farmers will be inviting visitors to discover at first hand all about life on Britain's farms and find out for themselves what happens beyond the

farm gate. This annual event is a must for anyone interested in how farmers produce our food, and the ways they care for our countryside too."

The event is called 'Open Farm Sunday' and the Welsh regional co-ordinator, Eira Edwards, commented: "We often hear farmers say no-one will be interested in my farm – but those who haven't taken part will be surprised!"

She added that a series of workshops is available to farmers, run by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), to help them plan to welcome visitors.

The first takes place on Monday, March 14, at Slade Farm in St Bride's Major.

Annabel Shackleton, an Open Farm Sunday manager, said: "Last year, more people attended Open Farm Sunday events than Glastonbury, and we're keen to build on that success and see even more farms across the country taking part."

"The workshops themselves are relaxed and informal – there is something for everyone, however large or small an event."

Now in its sixth year, Open Farm Sunday gives the public the opportunity to discover where their food comes from and how farmers care for the countryside.

More than 450 farms across the UK are expected to open. The scheme has proved good for both hosts and guests, as Annabel explained: "There are real business benefits too for those farmers who host events."

(CONTINUED ON PAGE 19)

by PHILIP IRWIN

### NATIONAL HUNT HORSE RACING

Ystrad Taf Fechan  
POINT TO POINT

at Uplands Farm, YSTRADOWEN, Cowbridge  
Saturday, 16th April - 1st Race 2.00 pm

Enquiries: Call Leanne 07890 373340

or Phil 07802 799131

(Come and enjoy a family day out at the races)

### Horse Rugwash Company

Spring is around the corner!

Your rugs can be taken to a local collection point:

- Arthur John & Co., Cowbridge
- Zoars, Neath
- Newport - Terry 079763 76658
- 5 rugs or more collected from your stables
- Discount on large orders
- More collection sites needed.

Please telephone Den or Ros Palmer

01454 413023

or 077103 367734

### Rachel's Pet Care Services

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO CARE FOR YOUR PET?

Fully insured & CRB Checked.

Fully qualified and highly experienced.

Dog walking regular/occasional • Microchipping  
Puppy Visits • Pet House Visits • Small animal,  
rabbit & guinea pig boarding, Doggy Day Care.

www.rachelpetcare services.co.uk

Contact Rachel on 02920 530026/07975 789409

## SHOW TIME RIVERLEA

Spring Show

Wednesday  
16th March  
Carmarthen  
Showground

10am to 5pm and  
7pm till late



TRACTORS AND  
HANDLERS

AGRICULTURAL  
MACHINERY

CONSTRUCTION  
FABRICATION

HORTICULTURAL  
EQUIPMENT

EQUESTRIAN AND  
COMMERCIAL  
TRAILERS

AND MUCH MORE

www.riverlea.co.uk



WHAT U WANT - WHEN U WANT

01633 214710

Budget Accounts

Boiler Service available

web: www.stephensfueloil.co.uk

## House a Mouser

Looking for an environmentally friendly rodent control service for your stables, garden centre, factory, farm or smallholding? Our working cats are just waiting to pounce on the right opportunity!

Phone 01656 724 396 (Mon-Sun, 9am-5pm)  
Email bridgend@cats.org.uk

Reg Charity 253944 (England and Wales) and 5007111 (Scotland)

## STABLE! - STRONG! - JOHN DEERE!

### Welcome to our World of John Deere...

The home of innovation, quality and reliability for over 170 years, their experience shines through in lawn mowers and tractors – and it's all for your benefit. You'll find John Deere whenever and wherever that extra bit of quality and professionalism is called for – in agriculture, golf courses, sports facilities and parks.

So why not experience it for yourself?

A John Deere mower is exactly what your garden needs. Even their basic design boasts numerous extra features, sophisticated technology and all the comfort and convenience you could hope for.

### Save up to 8% fuel with the 6030 Premium Series

We have boosted the power of the new 6030 Premium Series by up to 4KW (5hp) while simultaneously lowering fuel consumption. So you can do more while using less fuel. Compared to its predecessor, the new 6430 Premium achieves a remarkable 8% reduction in fuel consumption, as proved by a recent DLG PowerMix Test.\*

\* DLG-PowerMix Test 2009-622, DLG-Testzentrum. Gross Unstadt.

Out of Hours:  
**BEN SUTTON**  
07887 506697

**St Mary Hill, BRIDGEND, Mid Glam CF35 5DU**  
E-mail: frank@franksutton.co.uk • www.franksutton.co.uk

Telephone:  
**01656 865979**



# TIMBER!

## LOW LOW PRICES

**10% off**  
stockfencing, selected  
metal gates and  
wooden gates.

**25% off 24" gate hinge sets.**  
**For a limited time only!**

 **SCATS**  
Farm & Country  
*LIVE LIFE OUTDOORS*

Unit 1 Main Avenue, Brackla Industrial  
Estate, Heol West Plas, Bridgend, CF31 2AL  
T: 01656 665555 [www.scatscountrystores.co.uk](http://www.scatscountrystores.co.uk)

Visit SCATS  
Farm & Country now  
for great deals on  
timber and fencing  
like:

**Rail 1/2 round 12' x 4'**

**Was £3.15**

**Now £2.85** ex vat  
145119

**Stake 1/2 round  
pointed 5" 6" x 4" - 5"**

**Was £1.15**

**Now £1.05** ex vat  
174966

**Rail ex 38mm x 87mm x 3.6m**

**Was £3.00**

**Now £2.65** ex vat  
174543

**In store from  
the 14th March**

All prices are valid until 27th March and exclude vat.  
All timbers are pressure treated. E&OE.

Farming Equine Clothing Pet Garden Household Diy





# GEM RURAL PROFILE

Promoting NATIONAL PET MONTH April 2nd - May 2nd



(Continued from page 17)

"It can help you improve sales, learn new marketing skills, and build staff morale and a sense of pride, as well as improving relationships with the local community."

To find out which farms in your area are taking part, visit [www.farmsunday.org](http://www.farmsunday.org).

Farmers can book a place on a workshop, or get in touch with their regional coordinator, by telephoning LEAF on 02476 413 911 or by emailing [annabel.shackleton@leaf.org.uk](mailto:annabel.shackleton@leaf.org.uk).

## A GREAT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS!

There is a strong recognition these days that diversification should be a strong element in the business plan for farmers, particularly in the Vale. Things have moved on in recent years and now many farms are creating new rural businesses in a variety of areas.

Outside Cowbridge, John Homfray has developed a composting business which now takes all the kitchen waste and green waste from the Vale Council's street collections.

Many farms are looking at solar powered roof paneling or small wind turbines to supply their own electricity and sell the balance back to the National Grid.

A new scheme, administered by the Vale Council's Creative Rural Communities team, will be offering grant aid to encourage farming businesses to branch out into medium and budget price holiday accommodation – perhaps good quality bunk houses, or caravan and campsite provision.

This grant aid is also available for guided nature tours or 'rural skills packages'.

However, amid all the new ideas for developing the rural economy, the traditional areas remain strong.

One company with great faith in the future of the Vale is Frank Sutton Ltd, who hold the John Deere franchise and moved to St Mary Hill in the Vale just over a year ago.

Ben Sutton told The GEM: "We always did business in the Vale, but felt that our base in Raglan was not near enough."

"This is our first full season here and the response has been excellent. The Vale is definitely a great place to do business!"

## Delight as Cowbridge Cattle Market is given a reprieve!

THERE was delight in the farming community this week when it was announced that Cowbridge Cattle Market will continue for at least another 12 months.

The threatened closure meant that livestock would have to be

transported to the nearest markets at Carmarthen or Abergavenny.

The threatened closure had also been opposed by local town and community councils.

## HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR STAKE?

SCATS Farm & Country in Bridgend is offering customers the chance to stock up on a range of products ahead of the fencing season, with a discount event from March 14-27, and special offers on more than 35 different lines.

Priding itself on offering exceptional value for money, SCATS Farm & Country in Bridgend has a comprehensive range of quality products and customers can expect to take advantage of fantastic deals on sawn timber products, timber gates, stock fencing, barbed wire, hinge sets and galvanised staples.

Sourcing and sup-

plying more than a million fencing stakes, the SCATS Countrystore group has enough quality timber to fence from Bridgend to Berlin!

Justin Lewis, store manager in Bridgend, said, "We have some simply outstanding offers and discounts in store from March 14, providing the perfect opportunity for local farmers, contractors, smallholders and horse owners to check their fencing provision before turning animals out this spring."

The farm and country store, based on the Brackla Industrial Estate in Bridgend, sources more than 90 per cent of its wood products from the UK,

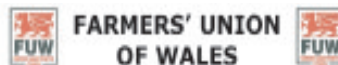
with the vast majority of suppliers having Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification, so customers can be assured that the wood they buy has been managed in a responsible manner.

All wood on sale has been pressure treated to increase the life expectancy of the timber, giving customers more for their money.

The following special offers will be available between March 14 and 27: 10% off Rylock Stock fence; 10% off selected metal gates; 10% off selected wood gates; 25% off field gate hinge sets; round fencing stakes from £1.05 (ex vat); and strainer posts from £3.25 (ex vat)

## LISTENING : NEGOTIATING : REPRESENTING

The INDEPENDENT VOICE of Welsh Farmers



## FUW INSURANCE

Your local rural broker

Nia James Jones 01446 781149 07710 942082  
Sam Evans 07880 719924

The Farmers Union of Wales is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority in respect of insurance mediation under Registration No. 308695

## Philip Locke

### FARM SERVICES

- Ploughing • Cultivating
- Direct and Conventional Seeding

5 Heol-y-Bryn, PONTYCLUN  
Mid Glam. CF72 9AP

☎ 01443 231968  
☎ 07990 556458

## Bankfarm Trailers Ltd

THE TRAILER & TOWING SPECIALISTS

**SALES • HIRE • SERVICE  
REPAIRS • PARTS**

South Wales' No. 1 Trailer and Towing Centres

- Established 1978
- NTTA Quality Secured Towbar and Trailer Centres
- Tow-bars for all car & light commercial vehicles
- Trailers for all applications
- Exhibition unit specialists
- Catering trailer specialists

**MAIN DEALERS FOR:**

Overland, Rapax, BRINK, Arval, Witter

Bankfarm Trailers Limited  
T: 01656 649813  
F: 01656 659742  
E: [sales@bankfarm-trailers.co.uk](mailto:sales@bankfarm-trailers.co.uk)  
W: [bankfarm-trailers.co.uk](http://bankfarm-trailers.co.uk)

## WEST FARM VETERINARY CLINICS LTD

Mr Stefano Susanna DVM, MRCVS  
Mrs Sonia Susanna DVM, MRCVS

### Special Offer:

Your kitten or puppy vaccinated, flea'd, wormed and identified all for only £51.60

North Road, Cowbridge  
01446 774016

Poundfield, Llantwit Major  
01446 794972

## EDWARDS MACHINERY LTD



Newly appointed dealer for Nugent Trailers in South Wales  
Come and speak to us about the full range of Nugent Trailers, they have Utility, Flatbed, General Purpose, Tipper, Plant, Beavertail and a large range of Livestock Trailers available.  
Unit 2, Main Avenue, Brackla Industrial Estate  
BRIDGEND CF31 2AL  
M 07855 301107 • T 01656 664155  
F 01656 750956

[www.edwardsmachinery.co.uk](http://www.edwardsmachinery.co.uk)

## PONY PARTIES

at The Croft Riding Stables  
Llangan, CF35 5DW

Situated in pretty rural village between Cowbridge and Bridgend 'Saddle-up' for an action-packed fun-filled experience.

- ▶ Tailored to meet your individual needs
- ▶ Variety of safe and friendly ponies
- ▶ Non riders and riders welcome
- ▶ Small/large parties accommodated
- ▶ Fully licensed and insured with many years experience

FETE HIRE ENQUIRIES WELCOME

Also RIDING LESSONS • TREKKING • FUN DAYS • SUMMER CAMPS and PONY CARE MANAGEMENT

"Giddy-Up...!"

Information/bookings call CERI JONES: 07717 212 371

## VALE 4X4 LTD

NORTH ROAD, COWBRIDGE  
YOU'LL FIND US OPPOSITE ARTHUR JOHNS



**DON'T FORGET**  
WE LOOK AFTER ALL MAKES OF VEHICLES NOT JUST 4x4s

Cowbridge's only local MoT Station and Garage

WHY NOT BOOK YOUR PRIDE & JOY IN AND HAVE A WANDER AROUND COWBRIDGE WHILE THE WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

01446 773768  
email: [vale4x4@btconnect.com](mailto:vale4x4@btconnect.com)

Looking to advertise? Then contact us on 01446 774484 or email [gemsales@internet-today.co.uk](mailto:gemsales@internet-today.co.uk)

**Landini**

5H SERIES 74-102hp

BRITISH FARMING TRAILER  
DIRECT ACTION  
50 H 13 REVERSE  
POWER SHUTTLE  
3 SPEED FORWARD  
40 HP  
FIVE ARMED, SHAVING  
4000LIFT CAPACITY  
TELESCOPIC AUTO  
WHEEL  
100" OVERALL HEIGHT

Tractors for virtually every application

Our demonstrator tractor  
5H 110, available  
Special Offer, £31,995 c/w loader  
(Straight Deal Only)

Your Local Dealer:  
**J D GRIFFITHS**  
Manufacture, Repair & Sale of Agricultural Machinery  
Drope Farm Workshop, St Georges, Nr CARDIFF, CF5 6ET  
TEL: 01446 760867

## ALLPUMP WATER TREATMENT SERVICES

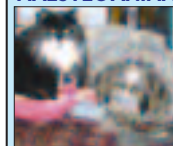
**SPECIALISTS IN:**  
WELL, BOREHOLE PUMPS,  
DRILLING & DIVINING  
FILTRATION SYSTEMS -  
pH, UV, IRON.  
MANGANESE REMOVAL,  
NITRATE, LIMESCALE HARNESS

- Complete Borehole Water Systems
- Rainwater Harvesting
- Sewage Systems & Treatment
- Solar for Dairy Hot Water Systems
- Tanks from 300 gallons to 10,000 gallons
- Dirty Water Systems
- Irrigators
- Parlour Washdown Systems

PRICE AND SERVICE OUR PRIORITY

Tel: 01994 448310; Fax: 01994 448693  
[allpumpservices@btconnect.com](mailto:allpumpservices@btconnect.com)  
[www.allpumpservices.co.uk](http://www.allpumpservices.co.uk)

## MAESTEG ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY



Kittens, young and older cats – All needing a new family!  
All cats have been neutered & microchipped  
Tel: (01656) 667463

All our work is funded by Charity Shops.  
We sell bric-a-brac, books, clothes and all items of furniture.  
Donations always welcome.

Tel: 01656 721496 or 01656 653456  
[www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk](http://www.maesteganimalrescue.co.uk)

Thanking everyone for their continued support

## Brian & Mike Hughes

**FARRIERS**  
01656 865012  
'Horsepower' specialists!



We welcome your news, views and items of interest. Please email: [gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk](mailto:gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk)

## Green Dragon Inn

Llancadle



Open log fire and a cosy atmosphere

### SPRING SAVERS

**Draught Bitters and Lagers**  
all greatly reduced in price

Now stocking Reverend James, Brains SA Smooth, Brains Black and regular Guest Ales

Also coming soon - New Wine Selection

### SPRING SAVER MENU

**Starters £2 - Main Course £5**  
**Desserts £2**

available Tuesday to Saturday  
12 noon - 2.30pm

offer valid until 21st April, 2011

### MOTHER'S DAY

**Sunday 3rd April**

**Meals served 11.30am - 8.00pm**

Booking Essential

Please see our website for special offers:  
[www.greendragoninn.org.uk](http://www.greendragoninn.org.uk)

**Telephone: 01446 750913**  
**greendragoninn99@aol.com**

## Get on stage with a live band!

A NEW-STYLE 'Jam night' is to start at the Stage Door in the Grand Pavilion, giving singers and musicians a chance to play with a live band.

The open jam night is for all ages and abilities, and features the house band, 'Mojomatic'.

A spokeswoman said: "Come along and play in a professional venue with stage lighting and sound provided. All musicians are welcome to play, either as a band, solo artists, singers or with the house band."

The next three scheduled dates are: April 5, May 12 and June 16.

Anyone wishing to perform with the house band should email Nikki at [furnessjones@aol.com](mailto:furnessjones@aol.com) and list the songs you would like to perform, or contact 07916 342370.

# Damon and Blunt shine in a truly charming tale

IF the success of the *Bourne* films has achieved anything, then it's making quite a big star out of Matt Damon; having taken the ball and run with it in the likes of *Green Zone*, *The Informant!* and *True Grit*, the star is now in a position where he can choose to work with any leading director.

So it is all the more refreshing to see him work with first-time director George Nolfi in *The Adjustment Bureau*. Damon plays David Norris, a political candidate whose disillusionment with his election is tempered by a chance meeting with a woman called Elise (Emily Blunt). She vanishes into the night, only for Norris to track her down again on the bus; however, this second meeting sets off alarm bells and a shadowy group, known only as *The Adjustment Bureau*, must stop David and Elise from being together...

*The Adjustment Bureau* is a difficult film to classify; perhaps its closest relative is *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, in as much as both films deal with love, albeit with a peculiar twist. The difference is that *The Adjustment Bureau* is all about that first meeting, the infinite possibilities of love, mixed with an existential look at how important fate and free will are in our lives – it is also an absolutely mesmerising piece of cinema. George Nolfi is hardly a newcomer, having written the final part of the *Bourne* franchise, along with *Ocean's 12* and *The Sentinel* among others, but this is his first time behind the camera, something that very rarely shows. Nolfi's direction is particularly stylish, the film making the most of the New York location. He stamps a visual identity on the film, yet grounds the more peculiar aspects so that you concentrate wholly on the story. A muted use of special effects adds a degree of urgency to proceedings, but all is marshalled with aplomb by Nolfi, whose work with the likes of Paul Greengrass and Steven Soderbergh has seemingly rubbed off. Loosely adapted from a Philip K Dick story, Nolfi's script is also well executed. Starting off as a love story with a clever meet-cute, Nolfi then throws in the curveball of the bureau, which sud-

## SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

denly takes the story into a new realm.

However, Nolfi's subtle way of introducing this element of the story works superbly; while just exactly who the bureau are goes unanswered, yet is hinted at, it doesn't annoy or anger, Nolfi concentrating more on characterisation than fanciful notions.

The film plays on two levels without feeling overdone or undercooked and he weaves in the notions of love and fate, yet doesn't labour upon them to the detriment of the pacing, keeping the story moving at all times.

There are more than a few plot holes if you are willing to look hard enough, the passing of

time seemingly failing to dampen love no matter how poorly you've been treated in particular, but Nolfi's script works very well, adding a dollop of wry humour into the mix and keeping things light.

Of course, in love stories, existential or not, you need to have two characters, and actors, who convince you to root for them, and both Matt Damon and Emily Blunt do an exceedingly good job of that here. Damon, who has hit a rich vein of form lately, is wholly engaging as a man who is driven and ambitious, yet shows a hint of fragility beneath the surface, and as the story progresses, carries the weight of events. Damon does the role of man fighting against the odds well.

Opposite him, Emily Blunt is absolutely wonderful. You can wholly buy into the character of David falling head over heels for her. She is witty and full of charisma, yet also beguilingly tender as the bureau try and keep the two apart. Given their mysterious origins, the men from the bureau tasked with stopping the pair aren't short of character. Anthony Mackie is quietly dignified as the agent tasked with following Norris,

and whose empathy for the pair's plight sets the narrative ball rolling. John Slattery parlays his *Mad Men* cool into a sardonic agent who almost seems resigned to the eventual outcome; with Terrence Stamp as the bureau agent known as 'The Hammer' exuding casual menace, there is nary a weak turn on show from the cast.

While the eventual outcome comes straight from the romance genre cliché book, it almost slips by unnoticed, so wholly are you rooting for the two characters. What Nolfi has succeeded in doing is merging two disparate genres, creating a film that is a truly wonderful watch; *The Adjustment Bureau* is a captivating way to spend 105 minutes of your life.

**VERDICT** – A tender love story wrapped up in layers of questions about fate, free will and the choices we make, *The Adjustment Bureau* is a superb piece of work. Well scripted and directed by George Nolfi, coupled with excellent turns by a top-notch cast, in particular Matt Damon and Emily Blunt, *The Adjustment Bureau* is a charmingly intelligent effort. **Highly recommended.**

# OCEAN LOUNGE • PORTHKERRY

It looks like being a classic summer season here at the Ocean Lounge. With a few more improvements, and some changes to the menu with a new specials board, we are definitely worth visiting.

**Can you be entertained?**

Mixing it up a bit more this year! As well as cabaret nights on a Saturday we will be having some bands and comedians, plus a mixture of other acts on a Friday (Easter onwards) such as karaoke, theme nights, band nights, comedy nights, and drag artists, there is something for everyone. It's the only place to go to over the Bank holiday weekends, with 3 big nights of entertainment. Keep an eye out for what's coming.

**And to eat?** We offer a great value menu from only £4.99 with traditional family favourites, plus some more unusual fayre too. Don't forget our Curry with a pint on Thursday evenings from the end of May onwards. It's been really popular, with home made curries changing weekly, plus the Thursday quiz. Sunday lunch from £6.95 offers exceptional value for a table served meal in relaxed surroundings without the hustle and the bustle of the usual carvery fare. Booking for lunch is definitely recommended.

**The location?** With fantastic views from the cliff top overlooking the Bristol Channel, with views to The Knap and the historic islands of Steephholm and Flatholm, and on a clear day across to Weston it is a great place to find refreshment with the large cliff top patio and outdoor seating. And yet only a 10 minute trip from Barry or Llantwit Major.

**What else?** A large car park and pleasant location makes us an ideal place to hold a wedding reception, birthday party, conference or any private function. In short, a great place, serving good food and good beer, with a great atmosphere!

Bookings for Mothers Day now being taken, 3 course meal £9.95, plus pianist/violin. Booking definitely recommended to avoid disappointment.

**All RBS Rugby Matches shown on large TV Screens.**

**OPEN FROM FRIDAY, 11th MARCH**

## CAR BOOT SALE

**PORTHKERRY LEISURE PARK,  
RHOOSE, CF62 3ZP**

**SUNDAY'S**

**FROM MARCH 06/2011 2PM - ONWARDS**

**SUNDAY ROAST £6.95**

**IN THE OCEAN LOUNGE BAR**

**TO FIND US, CLICK 'DIRECTIONS' @**

**WWW.FIREJOUST.COM**

**MORE FOR LESS**  
FOOD MENU

★ ★ ★ ★ Telephone: 01446 710362 / 711538 ★ ★ ★

Open Friday 5pm - 12 midnight; Saturday 12 noon - 4pm, 7pm - 12 midnight; Sunday 12 noon - 4pm

See our advert in The GEM for regular entertainment updates and extended opening dates





# Out and About with The GEM

## Art exhibition in Penarth gallery opens

AN exhibition opens this week at the Washington Gallery, staged by Penarth Arts and Crafts Ltd (PACL) entitled 'Tracks and Traces' – a collaboration between photographer Sam Hughes and printmaker Joseph (Jo) Field. Work will be displayed in the lower gallery from March 7 – March 26, with an opening night on Friday (March 11) from 7pm – 9pm. Entrance is £2 and there is a pay bar available.

Jo Field is exhibiting a series of collages, 'Rural tensions', which are a

personal comment on the tensions and pressures faced by rural communities in the early part of the 21st Century.

Sam Hughes' photographs, taken inside the Penarth Pavilion last autumn, aim to depict the mysterious beauty that can be found in dereliction.

Said Sam: "I was recently given an opportunity to see the (Pavilion) Ballroom and was amazed by the degree of dereliction and the enduring vibrancy of the colours."

"In its poignant state, there is still a fascinating beauty."

## LOCAL EISTEDDFOD GROUP SET TO MEET

THE first meeting of the local committee that has taken on the task of raising money to support the 2012 National Eisteddfod when it comes to Llandow, will take place on Monday, March 14, at 7pm in Illtud's 216 restaurant, Llantwit Major.

Each area of the Vale has been asked to raise funds for the event, and Ros Lewis is the spokeswoman for the group covering St Donat's, Llantwit, Llanmaes and St Athan.

She said: "Our group has a rather challenging target of £42,500, and we would like as many people to get involved in the fundraising as possible."

"This is a chance to come along and meet members of the organising committee and discuss how to get involved."

There will be free coffee at the meeting. For further information, contact Ros Lewis on 01446 793530, or by e-mail on rlewis@llantwit.orangehome.co.uk

## Crockery from a feminist viewpoint!

RIGHT: Ann Townson and Mel Palmer-Forse celebrate International Women's Day.



PAINTER Ann Townson and ceramic sculptor Mel Palmer-Forse give feminist perspectives on domestic crockery in an exhibition, 'In House', celebrating 100 years of International Women's Day, at the Travellers Gallery, Broad Street Station, Barry until April 7.

Both artists are members of VOGA (Vale of Glamorgan Artists) and volunteer their time and professional expertise in partnership with Mind in the Vale to help run the gallery which is located in the Travellers in Mind Café.

## Flower arrangers

PENCOED Flower Arranging Society have a meeting on Monday, March 21 at 7pm in Pencoed College, with a talk by Kevin Thomas of Pencoed on 'The Flower Arranger's Garden'.

Everyone welcome. Contact 01656 657796.

## Gardening talk

A G'NIGHT with the Waltons – Terry Walton – is offered by Cowbridge Gardening Club at 7.30pm on Thursday, March 31.

Terry Walton is well known in the gardening world for his horticultural spot on the Jeremy Vine show on Radio 2.

He has had an allotment for over 50 years on the same site, and will be keen to pass on his gardening knowledge.

Most of his skills and knowledge have been passed down from experienced gardeners and he grows organically.

The meeting will be in the lesser hall, Cowbridge. New members are welcome at £6 for one year's subscription. Visitors can attend on any evening for £2.

## Ty Hafan lottery results

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D660.

● £2,000: 329031.

● The rollover, which now stands at £1,000, was not won this week.

● £10: 5 8 9 2 1 5.

821202, 392022, 629840,

208402, 501235, 548899,

594699, 518342, 750958,

382336, 530046, 699366,

416556, 336487, 814503,

492041, 473905, 751880,

547348.

● £5: 865483, 586714,

430048, 273534, 551204,

202911, 146910, 451731,

893398, 485143, 393382.

730249, 475492, 650576, 841385, 128383, 253536, 269646, 204480, 787326, 755397, 757963, 388750, 261370, 419791, 871462, 423643, 514766, 705997, 330576, 102658, 502043, 236455, 218169, 363943, 544196, 779203, 423844, 441396, 156741.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information 838941, 238693, 723064, please call telephone 450042, 653213, 109777, 02920 672062.

Are you experiencing stress, tension, muscular discomfort or just need to relax and unwind?

A wonderful holistic massage can restore your natural zest...

Contact fully qualified Masseuse Therapist

Fran at 07786 865447 Local luxury studio just off June 35 M4

Pippa is looking for a home



Pippa loves to play.

THIS WEEK Linda Feagan highlights Pippa, an eight-month-old collie/lab cross who loves her food and her toys.

She also enjoys a rough and tumble play in the field with other dogs. She is quite strong-minded, so will need an owner who is used to training similar characters. She would also enjoy living with another, calm dog.

To know more about Pippa, call the centre on 01656 725219, or visit Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend. You can also see Pippa's friends on our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk

Fairtrade fun THE Llantwit Major benefice will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in style at the Old School community centre, St Athan village on Friday, March 11 with morning coffee at 10am-12midday and afternoon tea, 2pm-4pm.

Bunting, decorating, Traidcraft stall. Families welcome.

## The Casa Paco

1 Broad Street Parade, Barry

OPEN Monday - Saturday 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm (last orders)

### Special 2 for 1 Offer

Available Monday - Thursday 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm until 31st May, 2011



Prawn Cocktail  
Garlic Mushrooms  
Homemade farmhouse pate and chutney  
Soup of the Day  
Deep Fried Brie with conserve  
Whitebait

Chef's Choice - Chicken Breast stuffed with Stilton cheese, sun dried tomatoes, wrapped in bacon, baked and served with Provencale sauce.

Chicken Princess (breast of chicken cooked in a white wine and cheese sauce).

Pan-fried Salmon and Hollandaise sauce.  
Grilled Sirloin Steak 8oz - plain, or with a choice of Aubergine (creamy pepper sauce)  
Championing (rich mushroom sauce)

or Diane (onion, mushroom, tomato and garlic sauce).  
Sole Mornay - Fillets of sole, cooked in white wine and cheese sauce

Pork Tenderloin, cooked in massala wine, onions and mushrooms, served with rice.

Vegetarian Option - choice given

All served with two vegetables of the day and saute potatoes

Choice of sweet trolley

£29.95

EXCLUDES ANY OTHER OFFERS

A La Carte and Set Menu also available



OPEN MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, 3rd April from 12 midday

Booking Advisable

For reservations, please call

01446 732009

## THE SIX BELLS

Penmark

Village Pub & Restaurant



### Buy 1 Get 1 Free

(selected menu)

Available Tuesday - Saturday Lunchtimes & Evenings

Only with this voucher -

Valid until 13th April, 2011

### Spring Special Offer...

(Excludes 3rd April)

### Traditional Sunday Lunch

Served 12-4pm: 1 Course £5.95;  
2 Courses £7.95; 3 Courses £9.95

\*\*\*\*\*

### Lunchtime Menu

Tuesday - Saturday • 12 noon - 2.30pm  
Our delicious dishes are perfect for that leisurely afternoon out or those business lunches when you need to impress

\*\*\*\*\*

### Evening Dining

Tuesday - Saturday • 6pm - 9pm  
Our carefully selected menu offers a range of mouth-watering delights sure to tempt your taste buds.

\*\*\*\*\*

Now taking orders for Mother's Day Booking Essential

To Book - Call Us: 01446 710229

Back for 2011...  
**CRAFT FAIR**  
Saturday 12th March, 10am-4pm  
Old Hall, Cowbridge

Sportsman's Rest



COUNTRY INN & DINING

Newly refurbished throughout

MEALS SERVED EVERY DAY

Lunch 12 midday - 2.30pm Monday to Friday

Evening Meals Monday to Friday 6 pm - 9 pm

Saturday & Sunday 12 midday - 9pm

TRADITIONAL SUNDAY LUNCH

Choice of meats, fresh vegetables and all the trimmings

Monday (all day & evening) 2 course special only £9.95

Tuesday Night - Fish Specials

Wednesday Mid Week Treat - Pie and a Pint Night £7.95

Thursday Nights - Curry Club

FRIDAYS ARE STEAK NIGHTS

Two Steaks and a Bottle of Wine for £19.95

Choose from Sirloin, Gammon, Salmon and Chicken Fillet

MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

Bookings now being taken

### SPECIAL OFFER

£5 OFF a Meal for 2 • £10 OFF a Meal for 4

Only off the main menu - Valid Monday to Saturday

Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer

Offer valid until end of March - Only with this voucher

Children's Menu Available. Outside Al Fresco Dining Area.  
Beer Garden and Children's Play Area

We cater for all functions whatever the occasion

Peterston-Super-Ely, Cardiff, CF5 6LH

Telephone: 01446 760675

www.thesportsmansrest.co.uk



# PENCOED ARE TOO STRONG FOR CWMAVON

**RIGHT:**  
Wing Ken Morris scores for Pencoed.

**PENCOED** were far too strong for a depleted Cwmavon side at the Recreation Ground and ran out 64-10 winners.

The visitors opened the scoring with an eighth-minute penalty goal, and only a last-ditch covering tackle from diminutive home scrum-half Jamie Williams saved a certain score.

The home side then settled down and took advantage of good possession, wing Jeff Hobbs entering the line in the outside centre position to cut through to score.

Marc Davies added a penalty goal to lead 8-3,

**PENCOED CWMAVON**

**64 10**

and another full round of passing then put opposite wing Ken Morris over.

The home side then conceded a soft score under the posts for a 13-10 scoreline, but increased their lead with a clever front of the line-out move, which released front row forward Andrew Shillam.

A quick tap penalty from Williams then put Hobbs into space, and the ball was moved back inside for skipper Aaron Halse to take a difficult low pass and dive over in the same movement. At the interval Pencoed

led 23-10.

Early in the second half, No 8 Halse fed Williams, who sped away from 50 metres to score.

With the visitors picking up a red card, eventually the floodgates opened, Pencoed adding further tries from Hobbs, Morris, Lloyd Ryland, Glen Hiscocks, Tom Cross, and a 50-metre effort from back row forward James Murphy. Cross added three conversions.

Full match points in their last two games now sees the team distancing themselves from the relegation spots. Playing superb rugby at present, they need fear no-one in their remaining nine matches.

Next up is Morriston away on Thursday, March 17, 7.15pm kick-off, when the team will look for their first double of the season.

TR



**Pencoed back row forward James Murphy sets up an attack.**



**Pencoed's Tom Cross races away.**

## Under-11s overcome stern Sports resistance

**PORHCRAWL** under-11s played Bridgend Sports in front of a large crowd - a very nervous looking Porthcawl side took the field.

Straight from the off, the Sports looked the more determined team and this was rewarded with the first try of the evening. The Seaweeds, as usual, started slowly, with the forwards looking sluggish and the backs unable to string more than two passes together; this was shaping up to be the Green and Blacks' hardest game of the season.

The pain was eased somewhat with a scintillating break and try from Louis Protheroe to even the score, but Porthcawl continued to struggle in the ruck and maul.

Will Mahoney scorched over for the Seaweeds' second, against the run of play, but it was gratefully accepted by the home side.

The Sports deservedly scored next to go into the half-time break level.

Next up was Joe Stradling, grabbing his first try of the evening as the Porthcawl backs started to show their class. Louis soon claimed his brace but within seconds, the Sports scored their third to make it four tries to three with just a few minutes to go.

The Seaweeds backs were now in total control,

even with the minimal amount of possession gained by the forwards. Joe dived over for his second and Will Mahoney cut the Sports line to ribbons on three occasions, converting all into tries.

A relieved Porthcawl team emerged victors by 40-15, but the score flattered the home side, against a very well-prepared Sports team.

Back of the match was Will Mahoney and the forward of the match was Kurtis Pridmore.

**Rest of squad:** Ethan Waters, Callum Morgan, Dan Williams, Zak Furness-Jones, Max Budding, Ben Davies, Ben Roach, Connor Harrington-Pittam, Ioan Clatworthy, Lloyd Mortimer, Brandon Cooper.

### RUMNEY

**NOT having lost for almost two-and-a-half years, Porthcawl under-11s' unbeaten run had to come to an end some time and this was the game.**

Rumney attacked the Seaweeds right from the start and with strong aggressive forwards and skilful quick backs, they were always going to cause problems.

Scoring three tries to Porthcawl's two, Rumney were well worth their victory and were obviously ecstatic with the result.

Both tries for the

Seaweeds were scored by Will Mahoney who had another very strong game. Well done to the Cardiff side but I've a feeling your guests will lick their wounds and come back even stronger next season!

**Final score:** Rumney 19 - Porthcawl 10.

Back of the match was Ben Roach and forward of the match was Ethan Waters.

**Second game result:** Rumney 5 - Porthcawl 22.

**Try scorers:** Ethan Waters, Joe Stradling, Ben Roach, Ben Collins. **Rest of squad:** Connor Grant, Harry Evans, Cameron Williams, Callum Morgan, Joe Stradling, Max Budding, Kurtis Pridmore, Ben Davies, Connor Harrington-Pittam, Lloyd Mortimer.

Porthcawl under-11s are looking for new players. If interested, come along to training on a Monday evening at 6.30pm at Porthcawl RFC, South Road.

IB

## Police's new team

**SOUTH Wales Police RFC have now confirmed that it is their intention to set up an under-16s team for the new 2011-2012 playing season.**

The team will play out of Waterton Cross and run in line with their current youth XV.

If you are interested in being part of this new venture and playing rugby for the new team, please contact the SWP RFC hon secretary on 07780 547974; if you are looking to coach a new team or get back into coaching, then please contact Lindsay Griffiths.

## Porthcawl under-16s progress in the cup

**PORHCRAWL** travelled to Swansea on a beautiful Sunday morning, knowing that a win would put them through to the semi-finals of the Ospreys Cup.

Porthcawl started the better of the two sides and within five minutes found themselves 3-0 up, courtesy of a Huw Mitchell penalty.

Unfortunately, powerhouse prop Ben Smith had to leave the field due to an injured ankle and he took no further part in the game.

A couple of minutes later, sustained pressure led to a free kick in the Uplands 22 and, after a ruck was formed, Jack Taylor sliced through to score, which was converted by Mitchell.

Although the game was still somewhat scrappy, the away side kept plugging away and after winning a number of rucks, the ball was spread and Scott Govan threw a superb pass to Lloyd Rosser Stanford to run onto at pace to beat the scrambling defence and score near the corner. This was well converted by Mitchell.

The next five minutes saw mistakes by both sides with the ball being turned over a number of times. Uplands managed to breach the Porthcawl half for the first time and an infringement in the ruck by Porthcawl saw Uplands take a penalty kick which they were successful with.

After a series of strong

**SWANSEA UPLANDS** **3**  
**PORHCRAWL under-16s** **53**



**Action from the lineout.**

mauls, a ruck was formed and the backs moved the ball creatively, allowing Mitchell to loop around and beat three defenders to score under the posts; this he converted. Further pressure led to another Porthcawl penalty which Mitchell successfully kicked.

A set move in the backs saw Rosser Stanford take the ball at pace in the centre of the field and use his strength to score under the posts. This was successfully converted by Mitchell and the young Seaweeds went into the break 34-3 up.

Tom Bluck scored the first try of the second half, using his pace and vision to find the gap and race in to score - this was converted by Mitchell.

It was inevitable that Porthcawl would score again and after the ball was spread out, Gareth Rees took the ball on the wing, handed off the defender and sidestepped his way to score in the

corner. This was superbly converted by Mitchell.

With 15 minutes to go, Declan Brown on the opposite wing received the ball from a long pass by Mitchell, and he used his strength and pace to beat three defenders and score a good try.

Mitchell was unsuccessful with his kick - his first miss of the day, but the referee then blew the whistle to end the game early as the 50-point margin had been reached.

This was a comprehensive victory against a good Uplands side that showed guts and determination throughout.

It was excellent to see the club president and committee members making the long trip to watch the under-16s play - a great boost for the side.

The semi-final is now scheduled to take place on Sunday, April 3 at Porthcawl, where the team will be playing Abercrae.

PB

## Brackla under-8 team mingle with rock stars!



**The team (and band) pictured with their new kit**

**SIMON SUTTON, coach with Brackla JFC under-8s recently approached**

**Michael Thomas, drummer with Bullet for my Valentine and parent of one of the players, and asked if he would consider sponsoring the team.**

He had no hesitation in saying yes, and just before they left to tour Australia and Japan, supporting Iron Maiden, they came along to a training session at Ogmere Comprehensive to present the players with their new kit.

All the players really

enjoyed having rock stars watch them train, and in return for the band presenting them with new kit, presented the band with a Brackla JFC football top of their own, with their name on the back.

Simon said: "I have to say a big thank you to the band, who took time out of their busy schedule to come along and present the new kit to the boys."

"They really enjoyed the experience and love the new kit."

**The under-8s are looking for more players; for more details, contact 07528 649469.**

## Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club celebrates 50th anniversary

**THERE** was plenty to celebrate when more than 150 guests young and old, gathered to commemorate Llangeinor Hunt Pony Club's 50-year semi-centennial party which took place at Llanharan Rugby Club.

Current District Commissioner Mrs Marion Elliott paid tribute to the many people along the way who had contributed to the success of the club, particularly the late Mrs Barbara Thomas, the first District Commissioner, and Mr John Hodges as secretary, way back in 1960.

The honoured guest, Mrs Betty Tudor, who also played a huge part in the running and training of youngsters, especially in mounted games, was there with her husband, John to celebrate the occasion.

The now famous and successful racehorse trainer and ex-jockey Tim Vaughan spoke of the happy days he had spent as a member of Llangeinor Pony Club while growing up.

He took part in all aspects of Pony Club, excelling at mounted games and being part of the Prince Philip Cup team, who competed at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley in 1994.

A fun-filled evening started with a circus entertainer, followed by presentation of trophies to:

7 and under, most improved - Daniel Ellis; 10 and under, most improved - Mali Howell;

13 and under, most improved - Sophia Harpin; 16 and under, most improved - Darcy Coates; Senior highest achiever - Jack Wilkins.

Best attendance - Shauna Evans; most helpful member - Meryl Hamner; best all rounder - Jessica Hegarty; best ambassador - Josh Rees.

The evening included the presentation of the Nicholas Wagstaffe Perpetual Award for Pony Racing 12.2 and under to Grace Dalton. This handsome trophy was donated by Jen and David Wagstaffe in memory of their daughter Nicholas, who tragically died in a road accident in 2005. It will be awarded each year at the Llangeinor Hunt Point to Point in her memory.

The beautiful cake was made by ex-member Lisa Llewellyn, whose late parents Janet and Malcolm played a big part in the training of the mounted games teams and were loyal to the Pony Club. Janet had received the Guy Cubitt award in 2002.

The club continues to thrive and has a busy schedule ahead, with teams already practising to represent the area in mounted games, horse and pony care, show jumping, dressage, eventing and equine quiz.

Mrs Elliott, District Commissioner, said: "It was a wonderful evening for all who attended, and an opportunity to say thank you to the many people, all volunteers, who have worked so hard to build the reputation and success of the club over the past 50 years. Long may it continue."



# Mules beaten by Glynneath in table-topping match-up

THIS was not a good day for the Mules in this top-of-the-table clash away to Glynneath at Abernant Park.

The first half was a full blooded game of rugby with no quarter asked or given by either side and Glynneath led 17-10 at half-time; the score would have been closer as Kenfig Hill did miss a few kicks at goal.

Back row forward Thomas Maund scored a try for Kenfig Hill with outside-half Nicky Giles putting over a conversion and a penalty.

The second half was a different story with Glynneath running in four tries and adding a conversion and a penalty; substitute Raymond Evans replying with a try for Kenfig Hill for a final score of Kenfig Hill 15 Glynneath 42.

**Wick 1st XV 25 Kenfig Hill Seconds 17**  
**THE Seconds' unbeaten run came to an end in a game of two halves at Wick.**

The wind dominated the game with Wick scoring four unanswered tries in the first half, along with a penalty and conversion to go into a well deserved 25-0 lead at half-time.

Two of the Wick tries were fine long range individual efforts, including one memorable sprint by Wick's excellent full



Shaun Burnell takes evasive action.



Kyle Evans on the charge.



Morgan Evans looks to pass.

## Pictures by PETER GILLING

back.

The Mules took advantage of the strong wind and slope to run in three tries themselves, one converted by full-back Craig Knight.

However, despite the Mules' late rally, Wick hung on to record a deserved victory.

Skipper Alan Brace, who led from the front throughout, was the pick of the Mules players and was given the coaches' man of the match award.

The Mules' back line improved as the game wore on and there were fine displays from scrum-half Ryan Giles and his outside backs who between them, ran in three well-constructed tries in the second half.

Congratulations to Wick for the victory and congratulations to the

Mules in winning the league.

**Kenfig Hill/Cornelly Youth 18 Cefn Cribwr Youth 15**

ALTHOUGH the score was close, there was never any doubt that the young Mules would defeat their older opponents.

For Kenfig Hill, Chris Leyshon and Connor O'Connell scored tries and man of the match Lloyd Bradley put over a conversion and two penalties.

There were good performances by Callum Willmott, Lee Arrowsmith, Connor O'Connell and Rob Thomas, who had an outstanding game.

GOS

## Bryncethin under-9s are on learning curve



Bryncethin under-9s pictured in their new kit.

**BRYNCETHIN under-9s played a home game against Rhymney.**

As the game got under way, Rhymney proved to be a very strong side and gave Bryncethin a tough game. However, Bryncethin gave their all and played some good rugby, with the visitors taking the lead by the end of the first half.

The second half got under way and again Bryncethin continued to battle on and pull together, which allowed Thomas Painter to score their first try.

Bryncethin under-9s would like to welcome Liam Svenson onto the team who showed great enthusiasm and earned himself man of the match

award.

Team coaches would like to give great thanks to our young team for the continued effort and commitment they show every week.

The final score gave the visitors victory of 8-1.

Team: Kathryn Pritchard; Mason Jones; Thomas Painter; Lloyd Costigan; Dafydd Baker; Billy Sinclair; Geraint Richards; Kane Walters; Liam Svenson.

Bryncethin under-9s would like to thank G4S for their kind sponsor and allowing us to have a new rugby kit.

## Ath second team have too much for Llanharan

**LLANHARAN 2nd XV 0 BRIDGEND ATHLETIC 75**

**BRIDGEND Athletic Second XV completed a seasonal double over neighbours Llanharan in the Welsh league for Premiership and Division One club second XV's.**

They had a resounding 75-0 victory, scoring 11 tries and captain Tom Cole was responsible for two of the tries and converted 10 for a match haul of 30 points. He joins Nick Hinton as the leading 2nd XV try scorer with eight touchdowns and has 148 2nd XV points for the season.

Other try scorers were Rod Davies (two), Johnny Nation (two), Nick Jones, Stuart Kenny, Nathan Holman, Sam Trehan and Griff Davies.

In 11 league games, the team have an impressive 418 points for and 196 against with a favourable try count of 59 for and 23 against.

AB

## Young Exiles take early lead



**YOUNG EXILES moved to the top of the table in the Bridgend Sunday six-a-side Premier Division, Phil Williams playing the starring role as they beat early strugglers The Pie Boys 3-0.**

There was another 3-0 in division one, with Misfits accounting for Omore Valley Striders, but things were much tighter elsewhere, with the only goal in the other matches coming as Inter Windmill beat Hardly Athletic.

## Bridgend's Benji takes club's first Welsh title

**BRIDGEND boxing club has its first Welsh champion in Benji Edwards, who entered the 34KG junior WABA championship, winning three bouts to take the title.**

The first bout was against Barry Eastend's Tyron Hayman, and Benji took the bout 10 points to 5, securing his place in the semi-final against Bobby Jo Smith of Fairfield ABC.

Benji took this fight by a convincing 18 points to 8 and in the final his opponent was David Waite of Cwmbran.

Benji took this conclusively too, by 16-8 to become Bridgend ABC's first Welsh champion.

Another boxer from Bridgend ABC who recently had success is Richard Canning, who boxed the more experienced Ben Holloway of Mountain Ash on the Maesteg show on February 25.



ABOVE: Young boxer Benji Edwards with Richard Canning.

Giving away weight and experience, Richie knew he had to be at his best to win. He boxed well over the three three-minute rounds, keeping a fast pace and outboxing his opponent. He took the bout and was awarded the 'Boxer of the Night' Trophy.

Bridgend Boxing Club holds its next tournament on Sunday, March 13, at the OCLP Club, Bryntirion, Bridgend. Boxing starts at 1pm.

## Evan's cap success



Evan Yardley.

**BRIDGEND Athletic are proud that one of their youth team players, hooker Evan Yardley, was capped by Wales under-18s against France under-18s at St Helens, Swansea.**

He played very well against a massive French pack that proved too good overall for the Welsh, who went down by 34-17.

Evan is the son of Bev and Paul Yardley. Paul is the current director of rugby at Bridgend Athletic RFC. He had a distinguished playing career, with Bridgend and Aberavon among the teams he turned out for as a flanker.

AB

## Athletic under-11s are involved in a Caerphilly cracker

**CAERPHILLY attacked from the off and were rewarded with an early try.**

After a number of good drives, Joe Grabham burst through and passed to Chris Crumpton to make it 7-7. Caine Woolerton then scored in the corner to put the Ath ahead.

However, sloppy work at the kick-off allowed the Caerphilly centre, who had a fine game, to catch the ball and run through a number of weak tackles to immediately equalise.

The Ath regrouped and Harry Provstgaard made it 21-14 to the Ath, but the second period ended with Caerphilly scoring in the corner.

The conversion was missed, which resulted in the score being 21-19 in favour of the Ath. A third period was played to allow all Ath squad members to have a good run out. Caerphilly then had a long period of ascendancy and their running deservedly brought them two quick tries.

Caine received the ball from a tap penalty and sped over to score and keep the game alive, and the Ath then sensed the chance of a sensational comeback.

With the end of the game in sight, Chris Matthews raced over in the corner to touch down and bring the scores level at 33-33.

Caine had the con-

version to win the match, but the alert Caerphilly team charged down the kick to leave the final score the Ath 33 Caerphilly 33.

This was not one of the Ath's better performances, but the big plus point was the never-say-die attitude which salvaged a draw when all seemed lost.

Men of the match were Harry Provstgaard and Jac Bassett - well done boys.

LG

## Porthcawl RFC under-15s beat Resolven

**Porthcawl RFC under-15s 38 Resolven RFC under-15s 15**

**PREVIOUSLY unbeaten, Resolven were left shell-shocked after facing a Porthcawl side which seem to be improving with every game.**

The Neath Valley side started well and scored an early converted try, but Porthcawl captain Jim Needs soon levelled the scores with a fine individual effort.

This seemed to galvanise his team mates and further tries were scored by Andrew Wilcox and Job Owens, and with Needs adding

three conversions; the half time score was 21-5 to the Seaweeds.

From the restart, both teams took advantage of the fine weather to run the ball at every opportunity.

Resolven soon scored another unconverted try, but Porthcawl responded well and were soon rewarded by tries from Ollie Banner, Job Owens and Ethan Wintle, converted by Needs.

On the final whistle the home team scored a deserved consolation try, which saw the final score of 15-38 to Porthcawl.

CW



# DO N'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional  
From our A-Z list

## Aerials and Satellite

**Free Sky+ box**  
Sign up to Sky TV with us!  
**FREE Standard Installation**

- Sky + HD Systems FREE - with No HD Subscription
- EXISTING Sky customer upgrading to Sky + £159.00
- FREE Sky + HD box for existing and new customers taking out their first Sky + HD package

SKY Repairs, adjustments and installations

Digital Aerials Supplied, Fitted and Adjusted

**FREE ESTIMATES - SAME DAY SERVICE**

- ✓ Domestic & Commercial
- ✓ Discounts For Oaps
- ✓ 24 Hour 7 Days Service
- ✓ 12 Month Guarantee
- ✓ Digital Switchover Specialists
- ✓ ROI Approved Installers

Is Your Aerial Installer...?

Confederation of Aerial Installers Certified?  
Police Checked?  
Using Industry Benchmark Aerials, Cables and Accessories?

**ONE VISION ARE!**

**CALL PAUL WILLIAMS** Vale of Glamorgan **01446 439 306**  
Bridgend **01656 349 281**

Wall Mounted Installation Specialists - visit our website for examples  
[www.onevisionltd.co.uk](http://www.onevisionltd.co.uk)

**VALE DIGITAL**  
AERIAL & SATELLITE SERVICES  
DIGITAL AERIAL SPECIALISTS

All types of HD Equipment Supplied & Installed  
LCD & Plasma Wall Brackets Supplied & Fitted

Call Tim - 0800 032 3775 or  
07772 206399 or 01446 793189 anytime

COMPETITIVE PRICES • FREE ESTIMATES • 7 DAY SERVICE  
Covering all areas  
(CARDIFF, BARRY & THE VALE, BRIDGEND & PORTHCAWL)

**The Aerial Man (DAN GRACE)**

- \* Digital Aerials
- \* Repairs & Upgrades
- \* Affordable Prices
- \* Reliable Service
- \* OAP Discounts
- \* Free Home Visits

**01446 439 124**  
**07818 413 451**  
[www.dangraceaerials.co.uk](http://www.dangraceaerials.co.uk)

## Building Products

**Heavyside Collection Point**

BLOCKS (44) £21  
JUMBO SAND £23  
CEMENT £3  
Coloured Stone Chippings

Village Farm Ind. Est. Pyle CF33 6BN  
(opposite Shillibier Haulage)

**Barry Aerials**  
Aerial & Satellite Installations  
TV Aerial & Satellite Dish Installation & Repair

- Poor Reception Fixed
- OAP Discounts
- Additional TV Points
- Digital Aerial Installations
- Free Home Visits
- Freesat Installations

LOCAL FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE • ALL AREAS COVERED

**Call us on 01446 439125**

## CJ Pitman TV & Audio

**Promotion!!!**  
New Digital Aerial Supplied & Installed Only £70  
2 Rooms Only £20 Extra (no hidden costs!)  
Freeview HD Box Delivered & Installed £120  
Freeview HD Box Delivered, Installed and Aerial Upgrade Only £180

- Free Estimates
- TV Wall Mount Specialists
- Freesat/Sky Installation & Servicing
- Domestic & Commercial

Local Tradesman From The Vale  
[www.pitmantv.co.uk](http://www.pitmantv.co.uk)

Call Chris or Craig on  
**07980 971303/01446 747852**  
Covering All Areas of Barry, The Vale, Cardiff, Bridgend and Newport

## Blinds and Curtains

**3 GOOD REASONS**

- 1 FREE Fitting
- 2 FREE Quotation
- 3 5 Year Guarantee

**3 BLINDS FOR £99 VERTICALS**

Freephone: **0500 295192**  
Made in Wales.....Proud to be Welsh

**Mirage Blinds**  
One offer per Household - Selected Ranges 80" X 80" Maximum

**BLINDS SALE**

FREE quotes  
FREE measuring FREE fitting

up to **50% OFF**  
BLINDS • SHUTTERS • AWNINGS

CALL NOW FOR A FREE APPOINTMENT  
**0800 916 6563**  
[www.hillarys.co.uk](http://www.hillarys.co.uk)

## Building Services

**R.J.T. PLASTERING & GENERAL BUILDER**  
Flat/Fibre Glass Roofs  
Best Possible Prices  
For a free Estimate  
**01446 402115**  
or **07920 195775**

**Robin Jones Builder**  
30 years Experience  
ALL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE UNDERTAKEN PLUS

- Plastering • Roofing
- Upvc Fascias & Guttering
- Painting • Decking
- Fencing

**01446 402830**

**B. W. Construction and Property Maintenance**

- GENERAL BUILDING
- CARPENTRY & JOINERY
- KITCHEN FITTING
- PLASTERING
- BRICKLAYING
- PATIOS AND BLOCK PAVING
- DECKING AND GARDEN DESIGN
- ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING

**24 HOUR CALL OUT**  
For the professional touch, phone for free estimate with no obligation  
No sales people, no middle man, no problem  
**01446 713814 07742 572731**

**BLIND SALE**  
OUR NAME IS OUR GUARANTEE  
**STARLINE**  
AWNINGS & BLINDS

'NEW SHOWROOMS' UNIT 3 & 4  
WESTERN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CAERPHILLY CF83 1BQ  
[www.starline-blinds.co.uk](http://www.starline-blinds.co.uk)

**TEL: (029) 2086 0631**

**VALE BLINDS (Wales) Ltd**  
SALE NOW ON

- Vertical Blinds • Roller Blinds
- Venetian Blinds • Roman Blinds
- Velux Blinds • Curtain Rails/Poles
- Repairs & Servicing Undertaken
- Perfect Fit Blinds • Intu Blinds

**Tel: (01446) 710304 / 07792 733443**

## M.M.I.S.

- Floors
- Carpentry
- Decor
- Plumbing & Electrical

Residential and Commercial  
Call for Quotes  
**07748 167 404**

**Mike Anderson (Builders)**  
Established 40yrs  
Specialists in Loft & Dormer Conversion  
New Build & Extensions  
Wetrooms, UPVC Windows & Doors  
No job too big or too small  
References if required.  
**Call 01656 771870**  
or **07976 720368**

More BUILDERS on next page

**GRABit PLANT HIRE LTD**

318 VALE ENTERPRISE CENTRE,  
HAYES ROAD, SULLY  
Call **01446 700535**  
or visit our website  
[www.grabitplanthireltd.co.uk](http://www.grabitplanthireltd.co.uk)

For all your groundwork requirements, call Wendy - friendly, professional advice and free estimates!

**GROUNDWORK CONTRACTORS**  
ALL SIZE PLANT WITH DRIVERS FOR HIRE AT REASONABLE PRICES. FOR ALL YOUR GROUNDWORK NEEDS

**GRAB HIRE SERVICE**  
WASTE DISPOSAL  
SITE CLEARANCE  
AGGREGATE DELIVERIES.

**Probably Wales' No. 1 for Blinds**

Announcing the brand new Solar Collection for 2011  
**"Inspirations"**

Gain the look at the price you can afford...  
**1-2-FREE**  
Buy 2 blinds get the 3rd FREE

**DAYTONA**  
Unit 3F, Palmersvale Business Centre,  
Palmers Road, Barry  
**Tel: 01446 740842**

**solar blinds**  
North Road, Bridgend Industrial Estate, South Wales CF31 3TP  
**Tel: 01656 663800**  
[www.solarsunshades.co.uk](http://www.solarsunshades.co.uk)



**Builders**

**MASONWISE BUILDERS**  
 ☎ 01446 742928  
 ☎ 07775 997432

Established since 1979  
 • Extensions  
 • Disabled Grant Work  
 • Roofing & Repairs  
 • Conservatories  
 • Patio & Drives  
 No Job Too Small  
 Free Estimates  
 masonwise.builders@hotmail.com  
 44 Newlands Street, Barry

**Carpentry**

**RV** If its wood - we're very good!  
 CARPENTRY  
 Kitchens • Flooring • Stairs  
 Tiling • Alterations • Decking  
 Call Peter 07749 617322

**Angus Laing**  
 Carpenter/Joiner  
 All carpentry including  
 Floors, Windows, Doors,  
 Kitchens, Fencing, Decking.  
 01446 400977  
 07818 091971  
 alainge@btinternet.com

**Decorating Services**

**D.GULLIVER** First Class Painter and Decorator  
 Paper Hanging a Speciality  
 • All Internal & External Work  
 • No Job Too Small  
 • 25 Years Experience  
 • Free Estimates  
 Tel 01446 403853  
 Mobile: 07800 652608

**Garage Doors**

**GARAGE DOOR SERVICES**  
 The garage door specialists  
 All types of doors  
 supplied, fitted & repaired  
 Over 15 years experience.  
 Same day repairs.  
 07783 703366  
 01446 743181  
 www.gdsdoors.co.uk

**Electrical Services**

**ELECTRICAL REPAIRS**  
 Washing Machines,  
 Cookers, Fridge/Freezers,  
 Tumble Dryers, Ovens,  
 Hobs, Hoods, Built-in or  
 Free-standing Appliances.  
**APPLIANCE CENTRE**  
 01446 700206/730884

**All Electrical Work:**  
 • ELECTRICAL INSPECTION  
 • LANDLORD CERTIFICATES  
 • FULLY INSURED  
 01446 795229  
 07872 174849

**LAING** Electrical Services  
 DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL,  
 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS  
 FIRE ALARMS  
 DESIGN, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE  
 N.I.C.E.I.C. Approved  
 Competitive prices  
 St Athan 751033  
 Mobile 07980 712777

**Computer Services**

**Computer Problems? WE FIX THEM**  
 crystal-it  
 01446 731231  
 Home Visits  
 Computer HELP  
 when YOU need IT  
 Crystal IT Services Ltd

**AB COMPUTER SERVICES**  
 TUITION - BROADBAND  
 WIRELESS NETWORKS  
 REPAIRS & INSTALLATION  
 For home or office  
 Tel: 07811 422 946  
 27 High St, Cowbridge  
 www.cowbridge-it.co.uk

**HD Computer Solutions**  
 • All problems fixed  
 • Fast, reliable, on-site service  
 • Friendly advice freely given  
 • No fix, no fee  
 • Free callout  
 Tel 01446 773158  
 07779 713604 anytime

**ABACUS PVC SPECIALISTS**  
 NOW APPROVED  
 It's Quality that counts!!  
 Doors & Windows  
 Double Glazing  
 Conservatories  
 Fascia & Guttering  
 UPVC REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE  
 Office: 01656 865191  
 Mobile: 0791 808 48 80

**Carpet Services**

**Adrian Dowdall**  
**CARPET & VINYL SPECIALIST**  
 (Over 30 years fitting experience)  
 Book me and I can collect your carpet or vinyl from  
 any retailer - saving you a delivery charge of up to £39.  
 • Underlay/Grippers supplied at up to half retailer prices.  
 • Home selection samples supplied. • Free measuring & quotation.  
 Call 01446 746745 or 07977 706885

**VALE CARPETS**  
 The Carpet Shop  
 that comes to you  
 100's of Carpet & Vinyl samples  
 Established since 1980  
 Also Carpet, Upholstery Cleaning  
 Tel: Paul Wright  
 01446 751152  
 07811 092477

**Carpet - Vinyl Fitting Service**  
 CALL TIM JENKINS ON  
 07788 714352  
 01446 750331

**Disposal Services**

**FLOYDS ENVIRONMENTAL**  
 • Septic Tank \*  
 • Cesspit Emptying \*  
 • Treatment Plants \*  
 Floyds is a well  
 established service  
 07970 809096  
 01656 722665  
 info@floyds.co.uk  
 www.sewageand  
 drainage.co.uk

**Cleaning**

**1st CHOICE CLEANING SERVICES**  
 • Clean/Sanitise Carpets  
 and Upholstery  
 • Pet Odour/Stain Removal  
 • Protective Treatments  
 • Leather suite cleaned & fed  
 Local, reliable & Professional  
 NO VAT  
 01446 737695  
 07930 157952

**Cleaning Services**

**LLANTWIT MAJOR CLEANING SERVICES**  
 Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning  
 Average Carpet £35 3-Piece Suite £70  
 DIY Hire Service 1/2 Day £10, 24 hours £15  
 - FREE DELIVERY -  
 Tel. Llantwit Major 796227

**Decorating Services**

**Cowbridge Decorating Company**  
 Interior & Exterior Work Undertaken  
 • Clean, Tidy & Reliable  
 • Insurance Work Undertaken  
 • uPVC Soffits, Fascias & Guttering  
 • Domestic and Commercial  
 • Free Estimates & Quotations  
 01446 771137  
 Cowbridge • Mobile: 07973 628842  
 e-mail: cdc137@hotmail.com

**NH PAINTING & DECORATING SERVICES**  
 Exterior/Interior. Gutters Cleaned.  
 Free Quotes. Clean tidy worker.  
 All insurance work undertaken.  
 Time served specialist wallpaper hanger.  
 MARCH ONLY SPECIAL: FREE Carpet  
 Clean in every room we decorate  
 FULLY INSURED • Weekend calls welcome  
 01446 772702/07505 979078  
 www.nhdecorating.co.uk

**Electrical Services**

**Cowbridge & Vale Electrical**  
 R.J.B.  
 All electrical installation works carried out.  
 Emergency call-out, re-wires, sockets, lights, Security.  
 Tel 01446 792468  
 07885 347642  
 National Inspection Council for  
 Electrical Installation Contracting  
 Approved Contractor

**Dave Reffell**  
 Electrical Services  
 Domestic Installer Scheme  
 Free Quotations  
 01446 751743  
 07743 500149  
 dmrefell@hotmail.co.uk

**Owen Electrical**  
 All Domestic Electrical Work  
 • Extra Sockets/Lighting  
 • Full/Partial Re-wires  
 • Emergency Call outs  
 • NICEIC Registered  
 • Free Quotations  
 07738 618420  
 01446 711525

**T.R.S. REPAIR SHOP**  
 Domestic Appliance Repairs & Spares  
 Refurbished Appliances On Sale  
 Repairs and spares for  
 • WASHING MACHINES  
 • COOKERS  
 • TUMBLE DRYERS  
 • FRIDGE/FREEZERS  
 • VACUUM CLEANERS  
 All makes including  
 HOTPOINT - CREDA -  
 CANDY - HOOVER -  
 ZANUSSI - INDESIT  
 Freephone 0800 074 33 88  
 Open 6 days a week Monday - Friday  
 8.30am - 5.30pm (1.00pm on Saturday)

**A&A ELECTRICAL SERVICES**  
 Andrew Lenthall - 07890 772079  
 Aaron Rogers - 07825 778776  
 • Reliable, Qualified Service  
 • Emergency Call-outs  
 • Free Quotations  
 • Certification, Inspection & Testing  
 • Installations including: Rewires,  
 Showers, Cookers, Sockets & Lighting  
 • Commercial & Domestic  
 NO JOB TOO SMALL  
 email: aaelectrical1@hotmail.co.uk

**REPAIRS**  
 Washing Machines Electric  
 Cookers, Tumble Driers, etc  
 Repaired in your own home  
 Freephone 0800 2984518  
 Barry 744117

**Double Glazing**

**STEVE MOLONEY**  
 Double glazing repairs.  
 Hinges, handles,  
 misted up sealed units,  
 complete repair  
 service available.  
 Established 1979.  
 01656 783594  
 or  
 07877 558525

**Bridgend Windows and maintenance**  
 THE GUILD OF WINDOW  
 • Family business 25yrs exp.  
 • Specialists in double glazing  
 installation and repairs.  
 • Reliable, quality work.  
 • Competitive prices  
 01656 788403 or 07966 025287  
 www.bridgendwindows.com

**WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR SERVICE**

OVER 30 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ALL ASPECTS OF  
 UPVC AND ALUMINIUM WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIR  
 Do you have any of the following problems...?

Misted-up Double Glazing • Broken Hinges  
 Seized Patio Door Rollers • Faulty Door Locks  
 Seized Handles • Draughts • Broken Letter Box • Leaks, etc  
 If so phone for a free estimate and advice

**FREEPHONE COWBRIDGE 0800 169 5171**

We offer a competitive and friendly service to the Vale and surrounding area  
**TRY US FOR NEW UPVC WINDOWS AND DOORS**  
 8 am - 8 pm (7 days)

**Window Tec UK**  
 • Window and Door Repair •

**Are you thinking of improving your home? VAT FREEZE AT 17.5%**

**Visit our showroom open 9am - 9pm in Bridgend 7 days a week**

**SPECIAL OFFER**  
 Bevelled Front Doors £550  
 • Windows & Door Repairs available 7 days  
 • 6 Windows fitted from £1995  
 • Doors fitted from £399  
 • Conservatories from £5500  
**FREE 32 inch Flat Screen TV or Playstation 3**  
 with every conservatory or house full of windows and doors  
**FREE QUOTATIONS**  
 All conservatories fitted before the end of the month come with FREE tiling and underfloor heating.  
 Free argon gas filled energy windows when you order this month only - So order NOW!  
**FAMILY RUN BUSINESS Network VEKA - Reliable in the extreme**  
**M.P.N.** Call 01446 439212 or 01656 648464  
 www.mpnwindows.com  
 UPVC WINDOWS & DOORS - Established 1994 (2009/2010 Award Winners)  
 Showroom at 10 Ewenny Road, Bridgend CF31 3HL  
 Open 9am - 9pm 7 days a week \*Terms & Conditions apply

**Handyman Services**  
 Home&Garden Care  
 Electrical • Plumbing  
 Carpentry • Trees  
 Hedges • Grass • Cutting  
 No job too small, free  
 quotes, friendly advice.  
 Prices from £15.  
 Tel: 01446 420059  
 07980 063087

**DO YOU HAVE MISTED/FOGGY DOUBLE GLAZING?**  
 No need to change the window.  
 Just change the glass.  
 Tel: 01446 741579  
 Mobile: 07909 991691  
**JONES upvc**

**Gas Services**

**GASP Services**  
 For all your Gas & Plumbing Solutions  
 Competitive prices  
 0781 4394378  
 01446 796263 302670  
 www.gaspservices.co.uk  
 gaspservices@yahoo.co.uk

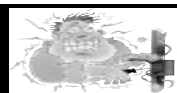
Gareth Jenkins (formerly of Shaw Services) is now trading as ...  
**VALE PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES**  
 • Boiler installations • Powerflushing specialist  
 • Bathroom installations • Gas safety certificates  
 • Valiant boiler specialist • Domestic plumbing  
 • Annual boiler servicing • Free estimates  
 Tel. 07929 168006 • 07966 273839  
 safe





# DO N'T DO IT YOURSELF

Call a professional  
From our A-Z list



## Garden Services

**Green Future LANDSCAPES**  
Grass Cutting, Hedge Trimming, Patios, Shrub Planting and Pruning, Ground Maintenance, Weed Control, Lawns Prepared and Laid, Low Maintenance Gardening, Fencing.  
**Call Rob - Local and Reliable**  
Tel: 01446 773220 • Mob: 07828 100516  
Free Quotations

**NDP Garden & Property Maintenance**  
For your property & garden needs  
• Fencing • Paths • Patios • Turfing  
• Hedge, Shrub & Tree Trimming & Removal  
• Power Washing • Gutter & Fascia Cleaning  
• Internal & External Painting & Decorating  
• Garden Clearance • Fully Insured  
**SEASONED LOGS FOR SALE**  
References available call Nathan  
01446 773935 or 07773 992704

**NIP GARDEN & LANDSCAPING SERVICES**  
• Decking & fencing • Block paving & patios  
• Terracing & turfing • Ponds & water features  
• Landscaping & low maintenance gardens  
• Design Service • Tree felling  
**ALL WORK GUARANTEED**  
Call Nick on 01446 710736 or 07790 166480  
Fully insured, excellent references and portfolio available  
www.gardenandlandscapeservices.co.uk

**Complete Garden Services**  
FENCING • DECKING • TREES FELLED, HEDGES AND LAWNS • WALLS, PATHS AND PATIOS  
Telephone: 01446 419428 or 07765 611753

**TIMBER DRIVEWAY GATES**  
Bespoke manufacturing service. Over 20 patterns available. Craftsman - made to your dimensions in hardwood or pressure treated softwood. Call for free quotation or visit our display area at:  
**Forest Products Ltd**  
Crossways Estate, Llantwit Major Road, COWBRIDGE, Tel: 01446 773399  
Open Mon-Fri 8am-5pm; Saturday 9am-12 noon.

**Stables • Field Shelters • Kennels Home Offices • Log Cabins**  
**Ashdown**  
Timber Framing • Potting Sheds  
Garages • Show Jumps • Hay Stores  
Tel: 01446 772800 or Mob: 07815 304 156  
www.ashdown-group.com • e-mail: info@ashdown-group.com

**RIVERLEA Horticultural**  
Vale Business Park, Llanow, Cowbridge CF71 7PF  
Tel: 01446 775602 Fax: 01446 773476  
www.riverlea.co.uk  
**Husqvarna**  
Main Dealers  
LAWN MOWERS • RIDGE-OPS • CHAINSAWS  
STAMPEDERS AND GARDEN ACCESSORIES  
Meal makes serviced and repaired  
COLLECTOR SERVICE AVAILABLE  
Sales Service Repairs

**BRIDGE VALE TREE SERVICES**  
Specialists in Large/Dangerous Trees  
FELLING, PRUNING, CROWN REDUCTION, THINNING OUT AND TOTAL DISMANTLING  
HIGHLY QUALIFIED/INSURED  
COMMERCIAL or DOMESTIC  
SITE CLEARANCE - FREE QUOTES -  
Tel: 01446 713857 or 07921 902729

**N. THOMAS LANDSCAPES**  
• Tree Felling  
• Crown Reductions  
• Stump Grinding  
• Hedge Cutting  
• Garden Clearance  
FOR SALE:  
SEASONED FIREWOOD  
Tel: 01446 792248  
07717 296697

**The Green Factor Ltd**  
Free estimates, fully insured.  
• Landscaping • Fencing  
• Decking • Hedge Cutting  
• Garden Clearance  
• Patios and Paving  
Call Paul on 01446 736525 or 07815 319427  
WE ARE QUALIFIED, RELIABLE AND LOCAL!

## Plumbing Services

**J P EDWARDS PLUMBING & HEATING**  
BATHROOM SUITES • COMBI BOILERS  
TILING • SERVICING • BREAKDOWNS  
TAPS & WASHERS • RADIATORS  
01446 790127 07719 605526  
FREE QUOTES NO CALL OUT CHARGE

**S.M. Vaughan**  
HEATING & PLUMBING INSTALLATIONS  
• Boiler Installation Specialists  
• LPG specialists  
• Static Homes - Caravans - Boats  
• Gas Safety Certificates  
• Servicing • Bathroom Installation  
01446 734733 • 07976 790096  
Unit 11, Ty Verlon Ind. Estate, Barry

**M MARTYN PLUMBING SERVICES**  
Bathrooms, showers, radiators, outside taps, washers, power flush and any plumbing jobs.  
07526 125982 or 01446 753503  
No job too small. Free quotes. Fully insured

**G M Plumbing & Heating**  
07815 097994 24hrs, or 01446 735681  
Combination Boiler Specialist  
Old Combi out - New Combi in from only £1,100  
**Annual Boiler Service only £40**  
• Boiler Breakdowns • Cookers  
• Bathroom Suites • Showers  
• Free landlord/homeowner Safety Certificate with every service  
All Work Guaranteed. Fully Insured. Fast, Friendly Service.  
124 The Headlands, Barry

**C BACON PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES**  
Mobile: 07889 514321  
Telephone: 01446 790179  
A professional service for all your domestic plumbing and heating problems.  
Gas appliance servicing, landlord gas safety certificates, bathroom installations and tiling.  
Free Estimates • Competitive Prices • Fully Insured

**Blocked Drains?**  
Emergency Drain Cleaning and Repair Service  
Local family business  
FAST RELIABLE 24/7  
If you suspect you have a problem, call us for free advice  
• Sceptic tank maintenance and installation  
• CCTV surveys  
• Blockages cleared  
• Drain repairs  
01446 550098

## Plumbing Services

**RR Plumbing Services**  
City & Guilds Qualified  
Tel. 01446 774607  
Mob. 07786 160192

**JOHN SARTAIN**  
Plumbing & Tiling  
01446 794266

**DC Plumbing**  
• NO call out charge  
• Flexible hours  
• No job too small  
Call Dave on: 01446 413971  
Mobile: 0779 263 0939

**PAUL MARSHMAN**  
DOMESTIC PLUMBING SERVICE  
Repairs • Installation  
Tiling • Electrical  
01446 740176 • 07876 506982

## Plastering Services

**GUY FORD Quality Plastering Service**  
No job too small  
FREE QUOTES  
07812093098

**CG** 07507 994905 01446 420979  
PLASTERING Specialist

**Cowbridge & Vale PLASTERERS**  
All Interior and Exterior work  
Free Quotes  
Tel. 01446 774899  
0781 685 7935

## Roofing Services

**Silvey Roofing**  
New Roofs/Repairs  
UPVC Guttering & Fascias  
FREE ESTIMATES  
Tel: 01446 404838  
www.silveyroofing.co.uk

**Roofing specialists**  
01656 720551 07973 488806  
**S. MIDDLETON & SON**  
We cover all aspects of roofing including Firestone EPDM Flat Roofing Rubber Systems  
www.middletonroofing.co.uk

**JMC Ryan & Son Roofing Services**  
Free Estimates  
Slatting and Tiling  
uPVC Guttering / Fascias  
Chimney Repairs  
Lead Valleys / Flashings  
Flat Roofing Specialists  
Tel 01656 786336

## School of Motoring

**JR Phillips DSA Approved Driving Instructor**  
Top Tuition  
RANDAL 07885 492424 or 07759 981546 for day/evening lessons  
RICHARD 07874 052493 for evening/weekend lessons  
www.jrphillips.com

**Cats Eyes Driving School Ltd**  
• Lessons from £9.99  
• Learn from 14 years of age  
• One week crash courses including test  
• Become an instructor from £325  
0800 0280 406  
www.catseyesdrivingschool.co.uk

## Rubbish Removal

**INSTALL WASTE**  
Mini, Midi & Large Builders Skips  
Delivered and Collected  
Discount ONLY on hardcore skips  
WASTE COLLECTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE  
Unit 125, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry, CF62 3EF  
Tel: 01446 421072

## Removal Services

**Nice Man Cheap Van**  
• REMOVALS  
• DELIVERY & COLLECTION  
• ANY CLEARANCE  
Best Prices  
Luton van with tail lift  
Tel: 07570 931487  
Keeping Wales on the move

**All MOT Failures and No Tax**  
£100 to £1,000  
Collect (any distance).  
02920 598762  
07816 172933

## Tuition

**TUITION**  
Qualified & experienced teacher offering tuition of English, French and Spanish to both children and adults (beginners up to A-Level).  
Tel: 01446 420035 or 07814 257641

**ROOFTEC ROOFING SERVICE**  
New slate/ tile/flat roofs. Also fibreglass flat roofs. All aspects of uPVC guttering, fascias, downpipes, etc. Chimney/ valley repairs. House maintenance work carried out. No job too small. Guaranteed competitive rates.  
Tel. (01656) 722593  
Mobile: 07969 248688.  
Free estimates  
24 hour emergency call out.

## Tiling/Bathrooms

**Bonny Tiler**  
Wall & Floor Tiling Specialists  
Full Bathroom and Wetroom installation  
Underfloor heating  
www.bonnytiler.co.uk

**Professional, reliable and friendly service**  
01446 796582  
07854 168459

## Wanted

**SUTTONS Auto Salvage**  
Up to £150 paid on collection, for scrap, MOT failures, and tax expired vehicles. Also body shells and scrap metals collected. No wheels, no problem.  
Tel: 029 2059 7887  
07971 648596

**MRC TRADING**  
Scrap & Unwanted Vehicles  
£100 to £2000 cash paid on prompt collection  
Fully licensed waste carrier. Fast & friendly service.  
07531 782162  
01446 735111



## Situations Vacant

### Community Wellbeing Coach

Do you have an interest in the Health and Wellbeing of those in your community? Would you like to be able to work in your community to help improve health and wellbeing?

Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your skills and employment potential?

This may be the perfect opportunity for you to do so...

We are looking to recruit two trainee Community Wellbeing Coaches for a 12-month period from the Barry area to work in the local community to support people to live more healthy lives.

No previous experience is needed, just enthusiasm and an ability to work with people. Successful applicants will receive a wage of £10,737 plus expenses, training costs and clothing costs.

You will be employed by Newydd Housing Association, but will work with a number of community partners including Communities First in Gibbonsdown/Court and Castletland, The Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Public Health Wales.

For an application pack, please call Newydd Housing Association on 01446 704328 or for an informal chat about the posts please call Keiron on 01443 408080, Sharon Topazio on 01446 732406/07725 201199 or Katherine Davies on 01446 709432.

Deadlines for applications will be midday on March 18.

The project is supported by the Welsh Assembly Government through the Barry Regeneration Area Programme.



### A LADY IN LLANTWIT MAJOR IS LOOKING TO EMPLOY A Personal Assistant

to support with domestic duties around the home and garden, as well as shopping, meetings and social events.

There are 4 hours of work available per week, some flexibility is required. Rate of pay is £7.50 per hour.

Telephone: 01443 408418 or e-mail recruitment@dewiscil.org.uk Quote Ref: VOG009.

Successful applicants are required to provide an enhanced disclosure, expense to be met by employer.

### Administrator

We require an experienced, highly motivated administrator to support caseworkers and project workers in our contracts unit.

Successful candidates should have considerable administration experience, excellent interpersonal and communications skills combined with Office 2007 expertise.

Hours: 30 hours pw (Monday – Friday) Salary: £17,161 pro rata Application packs (CVs not acceptable) are available by email from jo.bryl@valecab.org.uk

Closing date: 4:30pm Friday 25 March 2011 Interview date: Friday 1 April 2011

The Vale of Glamorgan CAB is working towards achieving equal opportunities Charity Number: 1083294 • Company Number: 4291764

### Cleaner wanted in Bonvilston

Tuesday and Friday mornings, 4 hours per week. £8.50 per hour. 07595 894405

barry-today.co.uk  
cowbridge-today.co.uk  
llantwit-major-today.co.uk  
porthcawl-today.co.uk  
bridgend-today.co.uk

## Public Notices

### Charity Commission – CSD-1161C

CHARITY: Sir Thomas Mansel Franklen Trust  
REFERENCE: C-202260

The Charity Commission proposes to make a scheme to amend the trusts of this charity.

A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at:  
Cowbridge Comprehensive School  
Aberthyn Road, Cowbridge, CF71 7EN  
Telephone - Mrs F Gandy, PA to the Headteacher: 01446 772311

or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Charity Commission Direct, PO Box 1227, Liverpool, L69 3UG, quoting the above reference or visiting our website at

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/schemes/default.aspx

Comments or representations can be made within one month from February 17th, 2011.

### Notice of application for a Premises Licence under the Gambling Act 2005

Notice is hereby given that: Coral Racing Ltd of the following address: Glebe House, Vicarage Drive, Barking, Essex IG11 7NS is applying for a Betting (Other) premises licence under section 159 of the Gambling Act 2005.

The application relates to the following premises: Coral, 145 Holton Road, Barry CF63 4HP

The application has been made to: Licensing Section, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU

Information about the application is available from the licensing authority, including the arrangements for viewing the details of the application.

Any of the following persons may make representations in writing to the licensing authority about the application:

A person who lives sufficiently close to the premises to be likely to be affected by the authorised activities

A person who has business interests that might be affected by the authorised activities

A person who represents someone in any of the above two categories

Any representations must be made by the following date: 6th April 2011.

It is an offence under section 342 of the Gambling Act 2005 if a person, without reasonable excuse, gives to a licensing authority for a purpose connected with that Act information which is false or misleading.

### DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED

For Barry, Cowbridge and other areas in the Vale of Glamorgan, delivering the GEM

Contact 01202 670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

670999

## Property

### TO LET

2 Bedroom Unfurnished House

St Athan

Large kitchen diner, GCH, D/G, small enclosed rear garden.

Bond & references required. £450 per month

Tel: 01446 400456 or 07787 278479

### TO LET

BARRY WEST END

2 Bedroom Flat

Sea views, parking, entry phone system.

£495pcm

Tel: 07912 138342

### ST ATHAN

New 3/4 Bed Det

Houses from £195,000

110% PX - up or down

Example: Yours £250,000 Ours £200,000

You get £50,000 cash

Tel: 07767 300154 or 07792 479418

### TO LET

BARRY

3 bed spacious flat

Good condition. Available now

£595 pcm

2 bed flat

Very spacious. Excellent condition.

£495 pcm

Bond & references required.

Tel: 07795 201800

20ft & 40ft Steel Container Storage Facilities

Unit 8, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF

Tel: 01446 721168 or 07813 134123

20ft & 40ft Steel Container Storage Facilities

Unit 8, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF

Tel: 01446 721168 or 07813 134123

20ft & 40ft Steel Container Storage Facilities

Unit 8, Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry CF63 3RF

Tel: 01446 721168 or 07813 134123

## GEM Family Notices

### Family Notices

#### EDWARDS Margaret

Peacefully on March 3 at her home in Llanblethian, Margaret Edwards B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., C.P.H. Beloved wife of the late David, dearly loved mother of Bryan and Richard, dear mother-in-law of Sarah and Jane, much loved by all her grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffynnon. Funeral Monday, March 14th, service 1.45pm at Llanblethian Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired for the purchase of equipment at the Haematology Dept., Llandough Hospital. Please make cheques payable to W James & Sons Charity Account c/o J James, 11 Ffynnon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

#### WALKER

##### Jayne Ann

Peacefully after a long illness bravely borne on February 25, 2011 at Marie Curie Hospice, Holme Towers, Penarth, aged 49 years.

Loving wife to Stephen, much-loved mother to Rory and Elin, beloved daughter to Ann and Neil, sister to Catherine.

Will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral service in St Mary Church, Penmark on Monday March 14, 2011 at 2pm, followed by a committal service at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm.

No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Towers, Bridgemore Road, Penarth CF64 3YR.

By Jayne's request, Welsh rugby shirts to be worn at the service, please.

#### JONES

##### Guy

Suddenly on March 6th Guy, beloved husband of Jan, devoted father of Nicky and Carrie, father-in-law of Allan and Hugh, much loved Grampy of Bethan, Alex, Dafydd, Harry, Chloe, Angharad and Eluned.

Guy was formerly Chairman of the Vale of Glamorgan Community Health Council.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffynnon. Funeral Wednesday, March 16th, service 2.15pm at Llanmaes Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.45pm.

Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu if desired to Llanmaes Church c/o Mr J Robinson, The Ramblers, Llanmaes, Vale of Glamorgan CF61 1XR.

## Articles For Sale

### Mcintosh Teak Dining Table

4ft 6in round extends to 6ft oval - vgc £70.

1970s Teak Coffee Table

Retro - 4ft 6in long, good cond - £30.

Tel 01446 793854 07806 728258 (10/11)

### 3 Seater Sofa

Loose coffee coloured covers - £125

### 2 Seater Sofa

Loose cream coloured covers - £80

01656 661237 (10/11)

### Burnley (in set) Electric Fire

Real coal effect, brass/black £50.

Hinari Digital Microwave 700 watts and Hinari Multi Attachment Hand Blender with Knife both new in box

£25 each 01656 789096

### Piano

Cheery wood finish, vgc £300.

To be collected from Llantwit Major.

Tel: 029 2061 6793 or 07811 873118 (10)

### Quality Suite

3 seater settee and 2 matching chairs, beige/pattern.

£150 01446 750702 (9)

### Old Charm Dining Chairs

6 chairs including 2 carvers, immaculate condition (as new)

Cost £1,600. Bargain at £450 ono

01446 745624 (10)

### THOMAS Doctor Peter

Peacefully on February 27 at The Manor House, St Hilary, in his 91st year, Dr Peter Thomas MD of Llyswoyney. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, dearly loved father of Philip, Jeremy and Anna-Peta, much loved by all his grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Ffynnon. Private family service at Llyswoyney Church, followed by public service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Thursday March 17 at 11.30am.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o J James, 11 Ffynnon Road, Rhosce, CF62 3DZ.

### SMITH, Diane

Peacefully at home following a long illness, Diane was loved by her husband Michael and sons Jeremy and Philip. She also leaves her grandson Arran and granddaughter Angelina.

For 25 years Di was the very popular head of French at St. John's School, Porthcawl and a keen member of Cowbridge choir. Di was an enthusiastic member of Llantwit Major Twinning Association and was chairman for two years.

The funeral service will be held at 9am Saturday 12th March at St. Iltyd's Church, Llantwit Major. Cremation will follow at 10.30am at Coychurch Crematorium. Flowers to WA Brown, Funeral Directors, Llantwit Major.

### JOHN NEWTON

Aged 78, from Cowbridge.

Died suddenly and tragically taken from the family fold.

Funeral on 21st March at 3.15pm Coychurch Crematorium.

All flowers welcome - to be sent to WA Brown, Llantwit Major.

## Birthdays

Happy 40th Birthday! Julian Richard FORSYTH 12th March Enjoy the celebrations. We love u oodles n' oodles Diane, Ella, Jay x x x

David Gray Happy 30th Birthday Daddy March 9th, 2011 Love from Lucy, Megan, Ella and all the family. x x x

Share your birthdays, anniversaries etc. with The Glamorgan GEM and its readers from as little as £25 + VAT Call us on 01446 774484 or E-Mail: gemsales@tindlenews.co.uk

## Funeral Directors

### W. A. Brown & Son Funeral Directors

Contactable 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

• Funeral pre-payment plans • Memorial masonry

Llantwit Major 01446 792489

Pembroke House, College Street

## BUYING A NEW CAR?



Advertise your old one with us

Telephone Gareth

01446 774484

### 2005/54 Saab 9-3

TID 1.9 Linear

Dark blue, grey interior, MOT Nov 11, Tax April 11, 45-50 mpg, electric windows & mirrors, air con, cd player, excellent condition.

£3,500 ono

Part exchange considered 01446 794031 (9/10)

### Ford Focus 1.6

Zetec Auto 5-Dr RK52 WRU

Blue, 29,000 miles, tax & MOT 12 months, immaculate condition.

£3,300 01446 775142 (10/11)

Deadline for Motor Cars is 12 noon on Tuesday



## Yummy Welsh cakes for their Saint's Day!

THE youngsters and staff at Fun Foundations Day Nursery, Cowbridge, celebrated St David's Day in traditional Welsh style.

"The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed baking Welsh cakes and even more so, eating them!" a spokesperson reported.

Pictures by ROBERT FISHER



## PENDOYLAN'S PUPILS ENJOY ST DAVID'S DAY



ABOVE and BELOW: The pupils at Pendylan Church-in-Wales School enjoyed their St David's Day celebrations.



## Malefant House, Llanmaes – a real 'GEM'



'Malefant' is located in Llanmaes, a picturesque rural community that on numerous occasions has been voted 'best kept village'. It is conveniently located within a mile of Llantwit Major, 5 miles from the market town of Cowbridge and only 10 miles from the hub of Culverhouse Cross providing an easy link to the M4 or the City of Cardiff. Llantwit Major also boasts a 'park and ride' railway station, bus station, and an array of shops and schools. The Heritage coast is stunning and is less than 3 miles away.

The property offers substantial family living, such as the 18' living room and the 17' sitting room, or the 19' family kitchen and the 15' master bedroom not to mention a 50' rear garden. Other aspects of the property include an entrance hallway, shower room, games room (that can be used as a study), a utility room and 3 further bedrooms with 2 bathrooms.

Outside there are enclosed gardens to the front and the rear with a garage and outbuilding (with potential to become a study or playroom).

All in all, a great property for a growing family searching for a community feel with rural aspects, but without being isolated.

Viewing opportunities are available at most times so please call with your preferred time.



 **Chris Davies**  
chris-davies.co.uk  
**01446 792020**

**More exclusive properties required in Llantwit Major & Cowbridge - Call Simon 07847 888740**



# Order your new 11 plate now!

## • NU 11 REG •

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£165 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£7,995**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**New Ka Edge 1.2 8V Duratec (69PS)**

On The Road Price	£8495.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£7995.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1357.88
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£9852.88
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£3418.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£175 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£8,495**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**New Ka Zetec 1.2 8V Duratec (69PS)**

On The Road Price	£8995.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£8495.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1443.20
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£10438.20
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£3439.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£185 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£8,995**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**FORD New Ka Titanium 1.2 8V Duratec (69PS)**

On The Road Price	£9459.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£8959.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1524.00
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£11019.00
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£3822.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£195 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£9,495**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**New Fiesta Edge 1.25 82PS with Alloys + Bluetooth**

On The Road Price	£9995.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£9495.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1614.00
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£11609.00
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£4088.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£220 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£10,495**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**New Fiesta 1.25 82PS Zetec with Bluetooth**

On The Road Price	£10995.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£10495.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1759.96
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£12254.96
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£4312.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

**NIL DEPOSIT**  
**£272 PER MONTH -**  
**36 MONTHS**

**£11,995**  
**ON THE ROAD\***



**New Focus 1.6 Zetec 5dr**

On The Road Price	£12495.00
Deposit Allowance	£500.00
Amount of Credit	£11995.00
Total Charge For Credit	£1919.08
Total Amount Payable By Customer	£14414.08
GMFV (Optional Final Payment)	£4111.00
Mileage per Annum	9000
Excess Mileage Charge	6p per mile

\* On the road includes customer deposit allowance, only available with Ford Credit at 7.9% APR typical on 3 year options.

Retail only subject to availability at P.W. Millar for new vehicles contracted between 14/02/2011 and 31/03/2011 and registered between 15/02/2011 and 31/03/2011. All prices exclude metallic paint. \*Where savings are shown, advertised price is calculated by deducting a customer saving from the manufacturer's recommended OTR price. Finance is subject to status. Guarantees may be required. Freeport Ford Credit. \*\*\*Payment with GMFV (Guaranteed Minimum Future Value) if you wish to own the vehicle at the end of the agreement. Further charges may be subject to the condition of the vehicle, if the vehicle is returned at the end of finance agreement.

# Tel: 01446 733248

## VISIT US @ WWW.PWMILLAR.CO.UK

**Why choose  
FordCredit?**

- **Competitive finance options** designed to meet your requirements (4.9% APR)
- **Simple application process** with a decision usually in less than 15 minutes

- **Fixed interest rates** for the loan duration
- **Providing Ford buyers** with finance products in the UK since 1963

Port Road East,  
Barry CF62 9PZ

# PW Millar





## Dafydd boosts mini players



**RUGBY STAR** Dafydd Hewitt of the Cardiff Blues was selected for the Wales Sevens team in 2007, and captained Wales under-21s at the 2006 under-21 Rugby World Championship.

On Sunday, he came to watch the boys from Barry RFC mini section train (above). The boys certainly put on a great show for him. Also in the picture are first team coaches Peter Griffiths and Dominic Rees.

## Local college's famous five

**BRIDGEND** College level 3 extended diploma - sport (performance and excellence) students, Will - Griff John, Matthew Screech and Lewis Jones, along with former students Macauley Cook and Cory Hill, have represented Wales at this season's under 20s Six Nations

tournament.

All five students played in Wales' first match - a narrow 20-26 defeat against England at Parc y Scarlets, Llanelli.

Wales under-20s captain and second row, Macauley Cook, was awarded man of the match.

Once again, all five students were present in the team's second match, away at Scotland in Stirling.

Wales went on to record a

comfortable 33 points to 3 win, with prop Will-Griff John awarded man of the match.

Matthew Screech, Cory Hill and Will-Griff John were part of Wales' under-18s squad in last season's Four Nations tournament, and along with Lewis Jones and Macauley Cook, Cory Hill and Will John have already represented the Blues at regional level.

## VALE WINNERS AT POINT-TO-POINT

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

**THERE** were some exciting finishes at the Brecon and Talybont Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Llanfrynach, where Nick Williams, assistant trainer at Evan Williams' yard, rode a brilliant race on Jeff Bird's Minsgill Mans to land the men's open race.

Nick, younger brother to National Hunt jockey Christian Williams, brought the 13-year-old bay gelding with a good run in the closing stages to win by eight lengths from Robert Rowse's French-bred *Dreux*.

*Minsgill Mans* was the oldest horse in the race and Mr Bird, who lives in the Vale, said of his horse: "He has won over the course three times now and has won 12 of his 23 races."

The ladies' open race was a much closer affair with last year's winner *Upton Legend*, partnered by Jane Williams, getting home by a short head from the fast finishing *Bosham Mill*, ridden by Lucy Pearce.

*Minella For Food*, who used to be trained by Evan Williams, took the confined race under Josh Harris, who rides out for Evan Williams. The eight-year-old bay gelding by *Saddler's Hall*, gave Josh's sister Grace her first ever winner as a trainer.

*Chandlers Cross*, who was caught on the line after making all the running to be beaten by a neck, was disqualified from second place as his rider Paul Tolman, on dismounting, did not go straight into the weighing-in tent.

The third horse, *Micks Prospect*, was promoted to second place and the stewards fined

Tolman £60.

Pembrokeshire's John Mathias had plenty to smile about. He had a walk-over in the members' race on *Rugged Gem* and was later successful on *Marine Hall* (restricted) and *Saint Peray* (open maiden division, one part one). Both *Marine Hall* and *Saint Peray* were sold by Mark Gichero to their respective owners.

The former, which is qualified with the Llangeinor Hunt, and owned by Paul Evans, won by eight lengths from *Copper Castle* and the latter, owned and trained by Dai Rees, made every post a winning one when coming home a distance ahead of *Peterman*.

*Little Miss Monty*, a 10-year-old bare mare, ridden by Emily Farr, took the second part of the second division of the open maiden when finishing a neck in front of *Cabintee*, with *Harry's Ace* a further neck away in third place. *Little Miss Monty* is owned and trained by Emily's mother, Shan, a former Welsh champion rider who had also ridden winners over the course.

Victoria Shervington's *Beyond Dreams*, ridden by Byron Moorcroft, and qualified with the Pentyrch Hunt, made all to win a division of the open maiden after being backed from 5-1 to 2-1 and *Emma Soda*, a six year-old bay mare, came from the Clifton-on-Teme to win her division under Mark Jackson.

This Sunday, the Curre and Llangibby Hunt Steeplechases are being held at Howick near Chepstow; first race 12 noon.

Meanwhile, Tom David who rides out at Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard, landed a juicy 14-

1 winner when scoring on five-year-old *The Hague* in the maiden hurdle at Plumpton last Monday. *The Hague* finished 15 lengths ahead of *Alystar*, ridden by the legendary A P McCoy.

Vaughan was back in the winner's enclosure 24 hours later when his strongly fancied *Sertao*, partnered by Richard Johnson, got home by the narrowest margin possible - a nose - in the National Hunt flat race.

Llancarfan's Evan Williams was also in good form at Ffos Las, landing a 17-1 double with *Timesawastin* (evens) and *Fahrissee* (8-1). Both were ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney.

The former won by six lengths from *Tenby Jewel* and the latter, who was the outsider of four, had three-and-a-half lengths to spare over the odds-on favourite *Ruthenoise*.

**WELCOME WINNER** Evergreen Bryn Palling, who trains at Tredodridge, Pendoylan, had a welcome winner when his four-year-old chestnut, *Mr Maximus*, landed the *atpokerclub.com* handicap at Wolverhampton last Friday.

Owned by Mr Nigel Thomas, and ridden by R Kingscote, *Mr Maximus* won by three parts of a length from *Idol Deputy* at odds of 14-1.

At Kempton on Saturday, the Evan Williams-trained *Trooper Clarence*, a seven-year-old bay gelding, was an easy winner of the BetFred Casino Novices Handicap Chase. Confidently ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Trooper Clarence* won by 13 lengths from *Playing With Fire*. The winner and runner-up were the 11-4 joint favourites.

## Be Focused

**Official Launch Weekend**  
12th & 13th March

Book a test drive and don't forget your drivers licence!

**In the showroom now.**

THE ALL-NEW FORD **FOCUS**. Start more than a car

Official fuel consumption figures in mpg (V100km) for Ford Focus Titanium X range: urban 34.9-55.4 (8.1-5.1), extra urban 56.5-76.4 (5.0-3.7), combined 47.1-67.3 (6.0-4.2). Official CO2 emission 139-109g/km. Model shown is Focus Titanium X with optional Privacy Glass and 18" alloy wheels (Dealer Fit Accessory).



**Feel the difference**

## Fordthorne

281 Penarth Road, Cardiff  
029 2022 3100  
e-mail: sales@fordthorne.co.uk

www.fordthorne.co.uk



# J&J Motors

PRESENTS THE  
SPECTACULAR

# SUZUKI SIX!



1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## SUZUKI GRAND VITARA

1.9 DDIS SZ5 5dr

- Clear beige metallic
- Permanent 4WD
- ESP • Alloy wheels
- Automatic air conditioning
- Front, side and curtain airbags
- Keyless start
- Cruise control
- Heated front seats

WAS £23,715  
**SAVE £3,720**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£19,995**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## SUZUKI SPLASH

1.2 GLS + 5dr

- Galactic grey metallic
- ESP
- Alloy wheels
- Air conditioning
- Front fog lamps
- Privacy glass

WAS £11,000  
**SAVE £1,005**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£9,995**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## NEW SUZUKI SWIFT

1.2 SZ2 3dr

- Cosmic black pearl metallic
- £30 per year road tax
- ESP
- Front, side and curtain airbags
- USB port
- 5 star Euro Ncap rating

WAS £10,675  
**SAVE £1,080**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£9,595**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## SUZUKI SX4

1.6 SZ - L 5dr

- Silky silver met
- ABS with EBD
- Alloy wheels
- Front, side and curtain airbags
- Air conditioning
- Front fog lamps
- Privacy glass
- Keyless entry

WAS £13,895  
**SAVE £1,895**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£11,995**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## SUZUKI SWIFT

Sport

- Cosmic black pearl met
- Alloy wheels
- Front, side and curtain airbags
- Automatic air conditioning
- Front fog lamps
- Keyless entry

WAS £13,360  
**SAVE £1,865**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£11,495**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

1  
ONLY



CALL NOW

## SUZUKI GRAND VITARA

2.4 SZ4 3dr

- Silky silver met
- Permanent 4wd
- ESP • Alloy wheels
- Automatic air conditioning
- Front, side and curtain airbags

WAS £17,235  
**SAVE £2,440**  
**ONE OFF SPECIAL**

**£14,795**  
DRIVE AWAY PRICE

## MISS THESE AND YOU'LL MISS OUT!

Prices shown are subject to a £65 admin fee. Details correct at time of going to print. Models shown for illustration purposes only.

Celebrating  
25 Years

DISCOVER THE NEW RANGE  
J&J Motors

www.jjmotors.co.uk

**J&J Motors Bridgend**  
A48, Laleston, Bridgend CF32 0LY

**01656 657 840**

Open 7 days: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6.30pm Saturday 8.30 - 5.00pm Sunday 10.00am - 4.00pm

**tŷ hafan**  
the family hospice  
for young lives



# Great Cars, Great Service, Great People

## James & Jenkins



<b>CHEVROLET</b>	0655	GRAND VOYAGER 2.8 CRD LIMITED XS AUTO	112,995
		DARK GREEN 42,000 MILES	
	0808	GRAND VOYAGER EXECUTIVE 2.8 CRD LIMITED AUTO	123,995
		LIGHT SANDSTONE 15,000 MILES	
<b>GENUINE APPROVED USED</b>	0808	GRAND VOYAGER TOURING 2.8 CRD	118,995
		BRIGHT SILVER, 32,000 MILES	
	0809	GRAND VOYAGER 2.8 CRD EXECUTIVE	113,995
		BRIGHT SILVER, 41,000 MILES	

<b>Jeep</b>	0157	Jeep Patriot 2.8 CRD LIMITED	112,995
<b>GENUINE APPROVED USED</b>		BRIGHT SILVER, 30,000 MILES	
	0157	Jeep Grand Cherokee Overland 3.0 CRD	117,995
		AUTOMATIC BRIGHT SILVER, 40,000 MILES	
	0809	Jeep Grand Cherokee 3.0 CRD OVERLAND	117,995
		BRIGHT SILVER, 40,000 MILES	
	1010	Jeep Cherokee Limited White, 2.8 CRD	120,995
		3,000 MILES	

<b>DODGE</b>	0808	DODGE JOURNEY 2.8 CRD SXT BRIGHT SILVER	112,995
<b>GENUINE APPROVED USED</b>		32,000 MILES	
	0808	DODGE NITRO 2.8 CRD SXT, BRIGHT SILVER	112,995
		18,000 MILES	
	0808	DODGE NITRO 2.8 CRD SXT AUTO	112,995
		BRIGHT SILVER, 27,000 MILES	
	0808	DODGE JOURNEY 2.8 CRD SXT	112,995
		7 SEATER, BRIGHT SILVER, 12,000 MILES	

MANY MORE VEHICLES AVAILABLE -  
CALL LEE OR TONY ON 029 2030 4020 FOR DETAILS

TOO MANY TO LIST, JUST SMALL EXAMPLE OF CARS  
AVAILABLE - VISIT US TO VIEW THE FULL RANGE

<b>VAUXHALL CORSA - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
07/07 CORSA 12 Club A/C 3dr, air con, CD, central locking	£5995 £3500/w
08/08 CORSA 14 Design AUTO, Metallic paint, alloys	£6995 £3900/w
08/08 CORSA Design 5dr, air con, Metallic paint, PAS, ABS	£7495 £4000/w
08/08 CORSA 14 Design 5dr, alloys, air con, CD, central locking	£7995 £4300/w
10/10 CORSA SE 100ps 5dr, Metallic paint, heated seats, A/C	£8995 £4900/w
<b>VAUXHALL ASTRA - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
08/07 ASTRA Breeze 1.6 only 13,000 miles, air con, CD, C/locking	£7995 £4300/w
07/07 ASTRA Twin Top 1.6 Sport, Black alloys, ready for summer	£8495 £4600/w
08/08 ASTRA ELITE 1.6 5dr, climate, Black leather, full computer	£8495 £4600/w
<b>VAUXHALL MERIVA - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
07/07 MERIVA Energy 14, Met Paint, air con, CD, elec windows	£6295 £3400/w
06/06 MERIVA Design 17 CDTi, low miles, twin roofs, cruise	£6995 £3800/w
07/07 MERIVA Design 16, Twin Roof, air con, cruise	£6995 £3800/w
08/08 MERIVA 13 CDTi CLUB, Metallic paint, elec windows, air con	£7995 £4300/w
10/10 NEW MERIVA GSi 14 100ps, air con, Metallic paint	£10795 £5800/w
<b>VAUXHALL ZAFIRA - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
08/08 ZAFIRA 1.6 Life, air con, seven seater, multi airbags	£7795 £4200/w
08/08 ZAFIRA 1.8 5dr, alloys, air con, Metallic paint	£8495 £4600/w
07/07 ZAFIRA Design 120 Diesel, Met Paint, 7 seater, alloys, air con	£9995 £5400/w
<b>VAUXHALL VECTRA/INSIGNIA - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
08/08 VECTRA SR11.8 black, alloys, low miles, air con	£8995 £4800/w
08/08 VECTRA SR11.8 air con, alloys, CD, multi airbags	£9995 £5400/w
08/08 INSIGNIA 1.8 5dr, alloy, air con, ABS, electric windows	£10295 £5500/w
<b>OTHER MAKES - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
08/08 RENAULT TWINGO 12 Dynamic, 3dr, Met Blue, PAS	£5495 £2700/w
08/08 PEUGEOT 17 Urban 5dr, PAS, ESP, mirrors	£6295 £3400/w
10/10 HYUNDAI I20 12 Classic 5dr in Met Blue	£7495 £4000/w
08/08 KIA SOUL 1.6, in Black, air con, CD, central locking	£8995 £4800/w
08/07 CITROEN C4 Picasso Diesel Auto, alloys, air con, CD	£9695 £5200/w
07/07 HYUNDAI Tucson 1600i Diesel 4dr, alloys, leather	£10995 £6000/w
06/04 VOLKSWAGEN Eos Sport 170i Cabriolet, air con, CD, alloys	£11495 £6300/w
06/04 HYUNDAI Santa Fe 2.0X Diesel 4dr, Black, Climate	£12995 £7000/w
<b>CARS UNDER £5000 - Many more available please call</b>	<b>Webb Specialist</b>
05/05 CHEVROLET TACUMA SR 1.6 MPi, air con, CD	£3495 £2000/w
06/05 FIAT STILO Active 19 JTD 5dr, in Blue, PAS, Diesel, A/C, Alloys	£4495 £2500/w
08/08 FORD KA 1.3 Studio, Met Silver, PAS, radio	£4495 £2300/w
04/04 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6 Life MPi 7 Seater, air con	£4495 £2500/w
07/07 FORD FIESTA Style Climate 4dr Air Con, Alloys, Fogs	£4995 £2700/w

All cars serviced prior  
to collection!

All cars with new  
MOT (if applicable)

12 Months Warranty  
on every car!

All cars are HPI  
Checked

Main dealer facility  
support

**09/99 REG FIAT**  
**500 POP**

**5  
ONLY**



**from £6495**  
**NIL DEPOSIT**  
ONLY £34 PW / £151 PM

**10/10 REG VAUXHALL**  
**NEW SHAPE ASTRA 1.6 EXCLUSIV**



**08/08 REG VAUXHALL**  
**ZAFIRA 1.6 LIFE**  
LOW MILES • A/C

**4  
ONLY**



**from £7495**  
**NIL DEPOSIT**  
ONLY £40 PW / £175 PM

**from £10495**  
**NIL DEPOSIT**  
ONLY £56 PW / £244 PM

**3  
ONLY**

*A good deal  
finder!*

SO WHEN IT COMES TO BUYING YOUR NEXT CAR MAKE SURE YOU CALL JAMES & JENKINS



**JAMES & JENKINS**  
Station Road, Llandaff North, Cardiff CF14 2FB  
**(029) 2030 4020**

Mon-Fri 9:30am-6:30pm Sat 9:00am-5:00pm Sun 10:00am-5:00pm



**www.jamesandjenkins.co.uk**

FINANCE & LEASING ARE ALSO OFFERED  
AND REGULATED BY THE FINANCIAL  
SERVICES AUTHORITY

*Call us TODAY!!*



# FRF BRIDGEND CHEVROLET

# BIG SALE



07 Matiz 1.0SE 5dr  
CD, Elec Pack  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£3999**



08 Matiz 1.0SE 5dr  
Air Con, CD  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£4499**



10 Spark LS 5dr  
Air Con, CD  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£6495**



10 Captiva 2.0 CDTi  
7 Seats, Alloys, Air Con, CD  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£16999**



10 Spark 1.0 LS 5dr  
CD, Alloys  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£6999**



Kalos  
Lorem  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£6995**



Cruze  
Lorem  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£6995**



60 Spark 1.0+ 5dr  
Air Con, CD  
**SALE PRICE**  
**£6995**

## FRF Chevrolet Bridgend

www.frfmotors.com

Sale Hotline 01656 644 737

Western Avenue, Bridgend Ind Est. Bridgend Tel: 01656 647 647



CHEVROLET

## FRF BRIDGEND

# £2000

## MINIMUM PART EXCHANGE

53 FORD KA Collection  
Cd, air con, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £4499**  
**NOW £2499**

07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 SXi 3-dr  
Cd, air con, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £6999**  
**NOW £4999**

07 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.8 Active  
Cd, air con, alloys, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £7299**  
**NOW £5299**

08 VAUXHALL Vectra  
Exclusive 1.9 CDT 150BHD  
Cd, alloys, air con, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £8999**  
**NOW £6999**

09 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.4 Design 3-dr  
Air con, alloys, cd, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £8999**  
**NOW £6999**

09 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.0 Active 3-dr  
Cd, alloys, air con, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £8999**  
**NOW £6999**

59 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Design  
Sports Hatch Cd, aircon, alloys,  
leather



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £10999**  
**NOW £8999**

10 VAUXHALL Insignia Tourer  
Exclusive 2.0 CDTi Alloys, air con,  
cd, full elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £17499**  
**NOW £15999**

07 VAUXHALL Tigre 1.4 Air  
Alloys, cd, elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £7999**  
**NOW £5999**

59 VAUXHALL Astra New Shape 1.6  
Exclusive Cd, Aircon, Elec pack



**£2000**  
PART EXCHANGE  
GUARANTEED  
**WAS £12999**  
**NOW £10999**

## PROBLEM WITH FINANCE? CALL NOW!

## FRF Bridgend

www.frfmotors.com

Western Avenue, Bridgend Ind Est.

Bridgend

Sale Hotline 01656 647647

To view all our latest  
offers visit our website  
www.frfmotors.com

SAT NAV USERS CF31 3RT





**WICK**  
www.vanhire.co.uk

- CDW (Collision Damage Waiver) from £10 per day
- House Removal Lutons with Tail Lifts
- Large Fleet of Cars (Toyota, VW, Zafiras, Saab Estates)
- People Carriers (VW Tourans, VW Caravelles, Transit Tourneau, 7-9 Seats)
- 4-metre Merc Sprinters & Jumbos
- Small Vans (Connects, Combos, Partners)
- 9-seat Mini Buses
- Full RAC Cover
- Tipplers
- Towbars fitted to most vehicles (inc cars)
- Extra Charge
- Roof Racks Available
- Full European Use (special conditions apply)
- Book Online



hire@wickvanhire.co.uk



**OPEN 7 DAYS**  
**5 HOUR HIRE FROM £25.00**  
(100 miles max)  
**All hirers must possess valid credit/debit card**  
**01656 660160**

## Success for Barry's 'Friends and family'

IT was a real family affair as two teams from Barry reached the finals of a skittles tournament in North Devon.

'Friends and Family' beat off the challenge of 15 other teams from Wales and the West Country to come out on top in the Shoot Out Club competition in Bideford, and Leanne Williams recorded the top score of the entire weekend with an impressive total of 60 to help the all-women's

Family Affair B team finish third overall.

It could have been an even bigger Barry bonanza – the Family Affair A team missed out on a place in the final by a single pin.

For the Friends and Family team, victory was particularly sweet. They've been taking part in shoot out skittles events since they started 17 years ago and although they've reached the finals before, this was the first time they'd been crowned champions. They beat Bristol team

The Mutineers 388-378 to lift the trophy, quite a performance considering they don't all play regularly.

"We had a great weekend and winning the tournament was a bonus," said team organiser Lynn Hill.

Friends and Family, who base themselves at the Castle Hotel in Barry, used to compete as a ladies-only team but they've gradually let the men in on the act and their name certainly suits them.

In the team with Lynn is husband



Stephen, brother-in-law Martyn Hill, sister-in-law Sandra Hale and friend Ray Peterson, together with mother and daughter Beverley and Jennifer Thurston, husband and wife Veronica and Trevor Martin and their daughters Becky and Vicky.

The Family Affair B team beat The Mendippers from Somerset to clinch third place. They come together as a touring team for Shoot Out Club events while Family Affair A play more regularly at Barry Rugby Club in the Barry and District League.

The two teams are made up largely of mothers and daughters with the more mature players making up the A team and their organiser, Sue Vincent said: "Youth won out over

experience...this time!" team featured Cath Edwards, Leanne Williams, Jenny Williams, Kelly Keating, Carlie Grubb, Judith Enticott, Maria Edwards, Sarah Adams, Karen Adams and Jenny Starke.

## Llantwit under-13s lose out to Tondy at the Rec

ON a cold and windy morning, Llantwit Major under-13s entertained Tondy for the second time this season at the Rec.

The boys started confidently and a score from Llantwit was inevitable and deservedly came through Richard Danderfield, following some excellent interpassing between backs and forwards; Iestyn Jones neatly converted.

The game ebbed back and forth, with both sides wanting to attack and both defended well. The score remained 7-0 in Llantwit's favour at half time.

The second half continued as the first, but Tondy came out of the blocks a little more eager in the contact area. Pressure finally turned into points

with a well deserved converted try.

As the game wore on, Llantwit's strong defence in the first half began to show cracks as the Tondy forwards began to take the upper hand.

Quick ball from the ruck area saw Tondy increase their lead with two further converted tries.

Llantwit tried in vain to take the game to their opposition and showed some neat touches with good support play, but poor decision making at crucial times made Llantwit suffer with a late unconverted try to make the final score 26-7 to the visitors.

The boys can take a lot from the game as the run in to the end of the season starts to gather pace.

Well done boys, you did yourselves proud once again.

RG

## RADIO DECODING



**WHILE YOU WAIT**  
**Ring Gareth on:**  
**01443 222936**

EXHAUSTS • TYRES • BATTERIES • 4x4 TYRES • SHOCKS • BRAKES • DISCS • MOT'S • SERVICING



**ARE YOUR TYRES SAFE FOR WINTER? - GET THEM CHECKED OUT TODAY!**

**CALL IN NOW FOR A FREE TYRE CHECK!**

**OR PHONE US FOR THE BEST PRICE AROUND!**

**GOODYEAR SPECIALS**

195/65VR15  
Engle NCT 5

**£62.25**

205/55VR16  
Engle NCT 5

**£71.44**

### MIDDLE & REAR SILENCERS

Examples:	Price
204-P50 44155 Focus 1.25i 95-99	71.44
204-T11 15-201 Focus 1.3/1.4 98-	76.54
947-005 786-355 Peugeot 206 1.4 00-04	76.54

### BRAKE PADS

Examples:	Price
PSA 732 Cae 1.4/1.3 93-98	36.71
PSA 193 Cae 1.3/1.4/1.6 91-94	34.67
PSA 135 Escort 1.4/1.6 95-99	39.78

### BATTERIES

FROM ONLY  
**£45.91**  
3 YEAR WARRANTY  
(Example: UK 063)

### STANDARD TYRES

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

### PERFORMANCE TYRES

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

### HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

### ULTRA HIGH PERFORMANCE TYRES

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

FROM **£31.04**

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

FROM **£37.33**

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

FROM **£41.83**

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155

FROM **£53.62**

Examples:	Buy 1	Buy 2	Buy 4
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£49.22	£93	£179
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155
PSA 70713 Bridgestone B250	£44.22	£82	£155



**BARRY**

Cardiff Road, Cadxtan  
Barry CF63 2QW  
Telephone:  
**01446 733167**



**ETB**



**MOT TESTING only**

ON PRODUCTION OF THIS ADVERT

**£24.95**

**OIL & FILTER CHANGE** also available.

WE ARE OPEN: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.00am - 5.30pm, SATURDAYS 8.00am - 4.00pm. ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.

THE PRICE WE QUOTE IS THE PRICE YOU PAY - ALL OUR PRICES INCLUDE VALVE, BALANCE, FITTING, VAT & CASING DISPOSAL!






**TOYOTA**

# Nil advance payment\*



Use your  
Mobility  
allowance



Breakdown  
Recovery



Road tax and  
Insurance†



Servicing and  
maintenance



Mileage  
allowance



Specialist  
Advice



## AYGO Blue

- Bluetooth®
- Air conditioning.

## Yaris TR 1.33

- 5 Star Euro NCAP
- Air conditioning.

## Auris TR

- 5 Star Euro NCAP
- Dual zone climate controlled air conditioning.

Everything is included for peace of mind.



www.motability.co.uk



**Toyota World Bridgend**  
Tondur Road, Bridgend, CF31 4LH  
Tel: 01656 858347  
toyotaworld.toyota.co.uk

**Toyota World Cardiff**  
Hadfield Road, Cardiff, CF11 8AQ  
Tel: 02921 157835

**Today  
Tomorrow  
Toyota**

\*Offer available on AYGO Blue 1.0 VVT-i manual 5 door, AYGO Blue 1.0 VVT-i MultiMode 5 door, Yaris TR 1.33 VVT-i 5 door manual and Auris TR 1.33 VVT-i 5 door manual with nil advance payment. Subject to availability. Please note that 20,000 miles per year are allowed on the Motability Contract Hire Scheme. Offer subject to change on 31 March 2011. †Available as part of the Motability Contract Hire Scheme. The 5 year warranty is a 5 year/200,000 mile manufacturer warranty. To maintain the warranty, customers must service their vehicle in accordance with the standard Toyota service schedule for the full 5 year period. The 5 year warranty is a 5 year/100,000 mile manufacturer warranty. To maintain the warranty, customers must service their vehicle in accordance with the standard Toyota service schedule for the full 5 year period.

AYGO Blue 1.0 VVT-i manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 51.4 (5.5), Extra Urban 70.6 (4.0), Combined 61.4 (4.6). CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 105g/km.  
AYGO Blue 1.0 VVT-i MultiMode Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 51.4 (5.5), Extra Urban 68.9 (4.1), Combined 61.4 (4.6). CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 106g/km.  
Yaris TR 1.33 VVT-i manual Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 44.1 (6.4), Extra Urban 61.4 (4.6), Combined 54.3 (5.2). CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 120g/km.  
Auris TR 1.33 VVT-i Official Fuel Consumption Figures in mpg (l/100km): Urban 39.2 (7.2), Extra Urban 55.4 (5.1), Combined 47.9 (5.9). CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 136g/km.



## Cowbridge under-11s earn win (and draw) against Pontyclun

### Under-11s – Pontyclun (Blues Cup)

THE first five minutes saw Pontyclun declare their intentions, but Sam Corkill rocked their prop back, allowing Jac Roberts and Jake Griffiths to turn over possession.

The ball was flashed along the back line to Bevan Howells and the impressive Cowbridge centre shook off an attempted tackle to run the ball in from 40 metres. From the restart, the ball was moved wide, only for the Pontyclun centre to intercept and race away for the score.

Cowbridge stuck to the game plan of moving their bigger opponents around the park and, after great work from Max Lucas, the ball was sent wide.

Cameron Roy moved the ball to Max Cunningham, who broke several tackles before releasing Evan Williams, and the flying winger beat numerous defenders to score a magnificent try from halfway.

The second half kicked off and Pontyclun forced play deep in the Cowbridge half. A number of penalties were conceded, allowing Pontyclun to drive over for the try.

Superb defence from Luke Beattie, Ellis Simon and Rhys Bradshaw kept Pontyclun out.

Jac Roberts and Sam Corkill worked in tandem to turn the ball over and Morgan Gore then made 50 metres with a fantastic run. The territory made gave Cowbridge the momentum required and Max Cunningham scored in the corner.

Ioan Lewis darted over the line for the final try of the match for a final score of Pontyclun 14 Cowbridge 28.

The second game saw the rest of the squad take to the field. Pontyclun raced to a 14-0 lead.

As the half time whistle blew, Cowbridge were dominating and they continued in the second half.

Great work from William Davies allowed Olly Reynolds the time to release Ellis Simon, and the abrasive fly-half needed no second invitation to power over for a superb try.

After great work on the floor, Sam Corkill emerged with the ball and touched down for the final try of the match. Final score Pontyclun 14 Cowbridge 14.

Our huge thanks to all the Pontyclun players, coaches and supporters for your warm welcome and hospitality.

**Squad:** Angus James, Bevan Howells, Cameron Roy, Dan Marshall, Dylan Cottle, Ellis Simon, Evan Williams, Ioan Lewis, Jac Roberts, Jake Griffiths, James Guard, Luke Beattie, Max Cunningham, Max Lucas, Morgan Gore, Oliver Reynolds, Rhys Bradshaw, Rhys Davies, Sam Corkill, Tom Coates, Tom Jose, William Davies.

### Under-7s – Rhiwbina (away)

RHIWBINA, with almost as big a squad as Cowbridge and enough ground space, offered to play two games simultaneously.

The boys quickly split into two similar strength teams, the Greens and the Whites. The Green team were playing Rhiwbina 'A' team and the game between them was immensely exciting.

James Jones went in for the first try and Reuben Davies kept the scores equal, but in the last quarter, Harri Treharne ran in six tries.

Stefan Evans rounded off a great team movement with an

excellently taken final try, a just reward for his sterling work in tagging, to take the final score to a thoroughly deserved winning score of 12-10.

The White team, playing Rhiwbina 'B', put the opposition under such pressure with their excellent defence work that turnovers were quite the norm.

This meant that the potent attack was making hay against their illustrious opponents, Rhydian Williams to the fore with seven tries.

Rhiwbina were able to show their class as the boys eased up a bit and scored seven well-taken tries of their own.

However, a quick wake-up call and it was business as usual, with Lewys Robins, Archie Lloyd, Robbie Brown and Finlay Sullivan touching down to take the result away from Rhiwbina. Final score 13-7.

A great result against a team that had lost only one game this year and that in the only tournament that they had not won; well done, boys!

**Scorers:** Harri Treharne (6), Reuben Davies (4), Stefan Evans, James Jones, Rhydian Williams (7), Robbie Brown (2), Finlay Sullivan (2), Archie Lloyd, Lewys Robins.

**Squad:** Finlay Ball, Tom Brennan, Robbie Brown, Iolo Davies, Reuben Davies, Steffan Evans, Ethan Francis, Morgan Harris, Will Harries, James Jones, Archie Lloyd, Sam Payne, Ifor Rees, Lewys Robins, Will Ryan, Finlay Sullivan, Luke Tredwell, Harri Treharne, Rhydian Williams.

MTL

**Watts**  
www.wattstvc.co.uk

Fiat Scudo Special Edition

**£9995**

Metallic Paint  
Bulkhead  
Pack Look



Fiat Ducato 40 Maxi Minibus

LWB XLB  
HR 3.0 Litre  
160 bhp  
17 seater  
with COIF

**£26995**

+VAT +OHT

Selection of new & used vehicles



Fiat Ducato 35 2.3i LWB 120 Two Stall, Rear Facing Horsebox in Silver. New and unregistered.

**£28500+VAT**



FIAT Ducato 35 LWB 2.3i Crew cab with Tipper 120 in Al Grey pre-registered 60 plate

**£17995+VAT**



2010 '10' Nissan NV200 E 1.5DCI 85ps Panel Van finished in White

**£9995+VAT**



2008 '08' Nissan Primastar 2.0DCI 115 SE LWB Panel Van finished in Silver

**£8995+VAT**



Fiat Ducato 33 Van 2.3 Litre 120 Multijet Medium Wheel H/R Roof (L2H2)

**£8995+VAT**

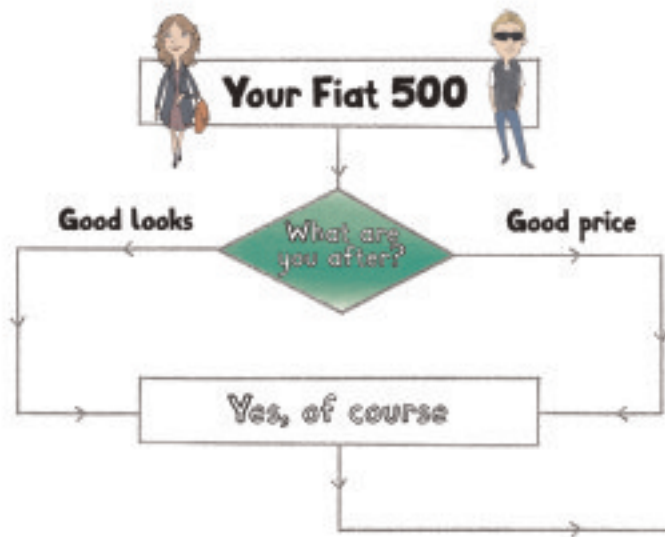


2005 '05' Volkswagen Caddy 2.0SD4 Euro4 Van finished in White

**£4995+VAT**

Contact PAUL LEWIS on 07811 255417 or 08433 206232 or paullewis@wattstvc.co.uk  
Watts Truck & Van Cardiff, Whittle Road, Lickwith Ind Est, Cardiff CF11 8AT

www.vanworld.co.uk



Representative Example

Fiat 500 1.2 Pop			
On the Road Price	£9,665	Optional Final Payment (incl. £295 fee)	£3,877
Fiat Deposit Contribution	£750	Total Amount Payable by Customer	£9,521
Customer Deposit	£1,000	Duration of Contract	37 months
Amount of Credit	£7,915	Rate of Interest (Fixed)	1.82%
36 Monthly Payments	£129	Representative 3.4% APR	

**WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE AFTER,  
THERE'S A FIAT 500 FOR EVERYONE.**



wessexGARAGES

PENARTH ROAD, CARDIFF CF11 8TT  
TEL: 029 2034 3333 WWW.WESSEXGARAGES.COM



Fiat, the car brand with the lowest average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Europe\*. Fuel consumption figures for the Fiat 500 1.2 Pop mpg (l/100km) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions: Urban 49.6 (5.7), Extra Urban 65.7 (4.3), and Combined 58.9 (4.8). CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 113 g/km. Terms & Conditions apply. Retail customers only. Not available in conjunction with any other offer. With Fiat i-Deal you have the option to return the vehicle and not pay the final payment, subject to the vehicle not having exceeded an agreed annual mileage (a charge of 6p per mile for exceeding 18,000 miles per annum in this example) and being in good condition. Offer subject to status. A guarantee or indemnity may be required. Fiat Financial Services, PO Box 108, Leeds LS27 9WZ. January to March 2011 offer. Fiat Deposit Contribution available on Fiat 500 models, and is only available in conjunction with Fiat i-Deal Low Cost. Prices correct at time of printing. Offer may be varied and withdrawn at any time. Subject to availability. \*Source: JATO Dynamics. Based on Volume-weighted average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (g/km) of the best selling brands in Europe, 1st half 2010. Wessex Garages, Penarth Road, Cardiff CF11 8TT. We work with a number of providers to provide finance to our customers, including Fiat Financial Services.



# New Broad Street Motors Ltd

## MOVING TO NEW PREMISES



**05 05 MAZDA 3 Sport 2.0 5-dr Hatchback.** In winning blue with ebony cloth, 17 inch alloy wheels, climate control, multi CD, front fogs, only 57,390 miles .....£5,995



**04 54 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4 Twist 3-dr Hatchback** in indigo blue with anthracite interior, air con, electric heated mirrors, electric windows, service history, one owner, only 22,480 miles .....£4,495



**08 08 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Climate 5-dr Hatchback.** In tango red with anthracite interior, quick clear screen, air con, CD, aux input, alloy wheels, only 10,700 miles .....£6,995



**06 56 HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 Atlantic 3-dr hatchback.** In sky blue with dark grey interior, air con, alloy wheels, front fogs, body coloured bumpers, alarm, 27,820 miles ....£4,450

### 4X4

- 07 07 LANDROVER Range Rover Sport 2.7 TD V6 HSE 5-dr Station Wagon Automatic.** In Stormaway grey with black leather interior, climate control, cruise control, privacy glass heated front screen, only 29,500 miles.....£31,995
- 07 07 KIA Sorento 2.5 CRDi XE Automatic 5-dr Station Wagon** in quartz grey/purple with grey interior, air con, CD, roof rails, four wheel drive, service history, only 36,500 miles .....£12,995
- 03 53 SUZUKI Jimny 1.2 02 Edition 3Dr Soft Top Convertible.** In black with anthracite interior, CD, electric windows, alloy wheels, only 36,700 miles .....£4,995
- 02 02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8 T (225) 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with grey leather interior, six CD changer, BOSE sound system, 17" alloy wheels, immobiliser only 70,620 miles .....£9,995

### PRESTIGE

- 07 07 MERCEDES BENZ CLK 1.8 CLK200 Kompressor Sport Cabriolet Automatic.** In Tellurium silver with black leather interior, electric seats with memory, parktronic system, 18" AMG alloy wheels, cruise control, only 36,760 miles .....£21,995
- 07 07 BMW 520d SE 2.0Ld 4-Dr Saloon.** In Monaco blue with black leather interior, 17" alloy wheels, automatic air con, cruise control, traction control system, only 55,400 miles .....£12,995
- 05 55 BMW 2.0 TD 320 DSE 4-Dr Saloon.** In sparkling graphite grey, cloth interior, air con, rear parking aid, cd, traction control system, only 54,810 miles.....£10,495
- 06 56 BMW 116i SE 5-dr** in sparkling graphite met with full Boston beige leather interior, comfort pack, cd, climate control, alloy wheels, reversing sensors, auxiliary i-pod connection, only 20,010 miles interior titanium trim, auto lights and auto wipers .....£9,995
- 03 03 BMW 3 Series 3.0 330 Ci Convertible** in Topaz Blue with Montana grey leather interior, 6-CD changer, heated seats, automatic air con, traction control system, only 55,200 miles .....£9,495
- 05 55 ASTON MARTIN DB9 5.9 Volante 2-dr Convertible Sequential.** In metallic blue with beige leather interior, cruise control, sat nav system, rear parking aid, wood trim, only 7,220 miles .....£POA
- 03 52 BMW 7 Series 745i 4.4 saloon automatic.** In titanium silver with black leather interior, rear parking sensors, multi cd, electric memory seats, alloy wheels, one owner, only 70,360 miles .....£8,495
- 02 52 MERCEDES Benz CLK 2.6 240 Avantgarde 2-dr Coupe.** In Tanzanite blue with alpaca grey leather interior, luxury climate control, Parktronic sensors, cruise control, service history, only 73,400 miles .....£7,495
- 02 02 JAGUAR X-type 2.5 V6 Automatic Sport 4-dr Saloon.** In Anthracite Black with Sand sport leather interior, reverse park control, automatic climate control, cruise control, privacy glass, colour coded bumpers, only 70,080 miles .....£4,995
- 01 Y MERCEDES BENZ C-Class 2.0 C200 Kompressor Elegance 4-dr Saloon** in brilliant silver with orion grey interior, alloy wheels, air con, cruise control, one owner, full service history, only 67,000 miles...£4,995

### SPORTS

- 06 06 BMW 3.0 TD M Sport Automatic 4-dr Saloon** in met black with beige leather in terior, electric folding mirrors, automatic air con, MV-2 alloy wheels, traction control system, only 58,900 miles...£15,995
- 09 58 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 16v (140ps) SRI 3-dr Sports Hatch.** In technical grey with charcoal alpha cloth interior, air con, 17" alloy wheels, front fogs, ESP, immobiliser, only 26,850 miles.....£9,995
- 09 09 MINI 1.6 (120bhp) Cooper (Pepper) Graphite** In graphite grey with black interior, storage compartment package, 2 spoke leather steering wheel, air con, CD, only 6,570 miles .....£13,495
- 09 09 PEUGEOT 207CC 1.6 16v 120 Sport Automatic Coupe Convertible.** In Naysha blue with Xavier black interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, steering wheel mounted controls, only 15,260 miles...£10,495
- 07 07 SEAT Leon 2.0 TDi DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback.** In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 38,598 miles .....£11,995
- 07 07 VAUXHALL Tigra 1.4i 16v sport 2-dr cabriolet** in air blue with charcoal alpha interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, cd, front fogs, only 48,730 miles .....£6,995
- 06 56 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.4TSi (170ps) FT 5-dr** in reflex silver metallic with siemere anthracite interior, climatic air con, front fogs, alloy wheels, cd, only 49,998 miles .....£9,995
- 05 05 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 2.0 T Fsi (200ps) GTi 5-dr Hatchback** in tornado red with anthracite Vienna leather interior, parking sensors, heated front seats, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, onl 67,600 miles.....£9,995
- 06 55 RENAULT Megane 2.0 VVT 136 Privilege 2-dr Coupe Cabriolet.** In metallic gold with magnolia leather interior, luxury pack, climate control, multi CD, cruise control, panoramic roof, only 9,250 mls .....£6,995
- 05 55 PEUGEOT 206 1.6 HDi 110 Sport 5-dr hatchback** in flamenco red with black Merlin interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, body coloured bumpers, only 50,600 miles .....£4,995
- 05 55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles .....£4,995

- 05 05 MAZDA 3Sport 2.0 5-dr Hatchback.** In winning blue with ebony cloth, 17" alloy wheels, climate control, multi CD, front fogs, only 57,390 miles .....£5,995
- 04 04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles .....£6,995
- 04 54 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles .....£3,495
- 03 53 HONDA Civic 1.6 VTec SE Sport 3-Dr Hatchback.** In Aqua green, half black leather interior, air con, alloy wheels, heated electric mirrors, CD, only 46,400 miles .....£4,495
- 03 53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-dr Convertible.** In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles.....£3,995
- 89 G BMW 3 Series 320i 2.0 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with black leather interior, headlamp cleaning system, M-Technic steering wheel, wood effect trim, electric windows, front fog lights, alloy wheels, only 68,140 miles .....£4,995

### FAMILY

- 09 09 PEUGEOT 207 1.4 75 Verve 5-dr Hatchback.** In onyx black with black interior, alloy wheels, air con, body coloured bumpers, front fog lights, only 8,890 miles .....£7,995
- 09 58 FORD Mondeo 2.0 TDCi (140) Zetec 5-dr Hatchback** in stardust silver with ebony interior, blue-tooth phone prep, traction control system, air con, quick clear screen, cruise control, only 31,910 miles .....£12,995
- 08 08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr** in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles .....£7,995
- 08 08 FORD Fiesta 1.4 Zetec Climate 5-Dr Hatchback.** In tango red with anthracite interior, quick clear screen, air con, CD, aux input, alloy wheels, only 10,700 miles .....£6,995
- 07 57 SEAT Altea XL 1.9 TDi Stylance** in metallic ruby red with stylance grey interior, rear parking sensors, cd, climate control, cruise control, aux input, only 49,100 miles .....£8,495
- 07 57 VAUXHALL Zafira 1.8 16v SRI 5-dr MPV.** In silver lightning with Silver Alpha Charcoal interior, air con, traction control system, alloy wheels, only 52,000 miles .....£7,495
- 07 57 VAUXHALL Meriva 1.4 16v Breeze 5-dr MPV.** In Black sapphire with charcoal interior, reversing sensors, CD, air con, privacy glass, only 23,580 miles .....£6,495
- 07 07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v 98 Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback.** In mercury silver with carbon sport interior, air con, CD, front fogs, alarm, only 15,060 miles .....£6,495
- 05 54 AUDI A3 1.6 Special Edition 3-dr Hatchback.** In black with charcoal interior, CD, front fogs, climate control, alloy wheels, one owner only 60,300 miles .....£6,995
- 04 54 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4 Twist 3-dr Hatchback** in indigo blue with anthracite interior, air con, electric heated mirrors, electric windows, service history, one owner, only 22,480 miles .....£4,495
- 04 04 TOYOTA Avenis 2.0 VVTi T-Spirit Auto 4-dr Saloon.** Silver fern, st moritz charcoal leather, map gps nav system, climate, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles .....£5,995
- 03 53 NISSAN Almera Tino 1.8S 5-dr MPV** in starburst silver with granite grey interior, climate control, CD, immobiliser, steering wheel mounted controls, only 59,870 miles .....£3,495

### SMALL

- 08 58 CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE+ 5-dr Hatchback.** In mighty blue with grey interior, air con, central locking, CD, front electric windows, ISOFIX, only 26,560 miles .....£3,995
- 08 58 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Design (A/C), 5 door** in ice blue with dark interior, air con, MP3 input, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, only 19,950 miles .....£7,995
- 08 58 CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0SE+ 5-dr Hatchback.** In poly silver with blue/black interior, air con, central locking, CD, colour coded bumpers, power steering, only 26,750 miles .....£3,995
- 08 08 MAZDA 2 1.3 TS 3-dr Hatchback.** in icy blue with charcoal black interior, electric mirrors, front electric windows, power steering, CD, service history, only 29,800 miles .....£6,795
- 08 08 CITROEN C1 1.0i Rhythm 5-dr Hatchback** in Caldera black with black interior, electric front windows, p/steering, CD, centre rear seat belt, 1 owner, £35 a year road tax, only 18,100 miles.....£5,495
- 08 08 FORD Ka Studio.** In panther black with cascade interior, immobiliser, CD, drivers airbag, central locking, only 32,349 miles .....£4,495
- 06 56 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Zetec Climate 3-dr Hatchback.** In tonic blue with Tungsten Denim blue interior, alloy wheels, air con, electric front windows, power steering, only 46,000 miles.....£4,995
- 06 56 HYUNDAI Getz 1.1 Atlantic 3-dr hatchback.** In sky blue with dark grey interior, air con, alloy wheels, front fogs, body coloured bumpers, alarm, 27,820 miles .....£4,450
- 04 04 FORD Ka 1.6 Sport 3-dr Hatchback.** Magnum grey with streetline dark interior, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, electric windows, alloy wheels, CD, only 40,955 miles .....£3,495
- 04 53 RENAULT Clio Authentique 3-dr hatchback** in platinum with voile green interior, CD, alarm, power steering, body coloured bumpers, only 57,500 miles .....£2,995

View our stock online **Gwasanaeth Cymraeg Ar Gael**

**01446 720044**

Finance available subject to status, UK residence, over 18 years of age.  
Written quotations available on request. Guarantees may be required.

ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED

visit our website **www.nbsm.co.uk**





**GARY WATSON MOTOR CO.**  
**GW**  
**www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk**

#### 04 JAGUAR S-Type 3.0 SE Auto



In sea frost silver with beige leather trim, 49,000 miles  
**£6,995**

#### 54 Mini One Convertible



In cool blue with full leather trim, 50,000 miles, host of extras **£6,995**

#### 04 MERCEDES CLK 240 Convertible Auto



In black with black leather trim, 66,000 miles, upgraded alloys **£11,995**

#### 04 BMW X3 Sport



In gunmetal grey, air con, abs, multiple airbags, alloy wheels, parking sensors, Leather upholstery, pas.  
**£9,995**

#### SPORT, PRESTIGE & 4X4

57	MERCEDES E320 CDI Sport Est Auto. Silver with black leather, 22,000miles .	<b>REDUCED BY £1000 TO</b>	<b>£22,995</b>
04	JAGUAR XK8 convertible. In racing green with cream leather, 37,000 miles, host of extras. . . . .		<b>£17,995</b>
56	BMW 520 Diesel SE. In black, 69,000 miles, 1 owner, a/c, alloys, etc. . . . .		<b>£11,995</b>
04	MERCEDES CLK 240 Convertible Auto. In black with black leather trim, 66,000 miles, upgraded alloys		<b>£11,995</b>
08	VAUXHALL Vectra 1.9 Diesel SRI Auto. In silver, 39,000 miles. . . . .		<b>£8,995</b>
54	BMW 318Ci Sport convertible. In red, 72,000 miles, fantastic value at . . . . .		<b>£8,995</b>
53	BMW 530 Diesel SE Automatic. In black with black leather trim, sat nav, 18" alloys . . . . .		<b>£8,995</b>
54	SEAT Alhambra 1.9 TDi Auto in silver beech met, 44,000 miles, 2 owners, 7-seater . . . . .		<b>£8,495</b>
56	MINI Cooper. In black with white roof, 35,000 miles with a/c, cruise, cd, half leather. . . . .		<b>£7,995</b>
05	HONDA Civic 2.0 Type R. In black, 53,000 miles with air con, drives superb . . . . .		<b>£7,995</b>
52	AUDI TT Roadster '225' In red with leather trim, 81,000 miles with Zenons, Bose multi CD etc. . . . .		<b>£7,995</b>
54	MERCEDES C230 Sport SE Auto. Black with black leather trim, 2 owners . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
54	MINI One Convertible. In cool blue with full leather trim, 50,000 miles, host of extras . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
04	JAGUAR S-Type 3.0 SE Auto. In sea frost silver with beige leather trim, 49,000 miles, 1 owner. . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
03	BMW 320 Diesel SE Touring. Steel blue, low mileage example at . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
03	VW Beetle 2.0 convertible. In ice blue, 52,000 miles, stylish 4 seater . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
06	FORD Fiesta 2.0 ST. In silver, 39,000 miles with a/c, on offer at . . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £1000 TO</b>	<b>£5,995</b>
03	MERCEDES C220Di Avant Garde SE Auto in black, 78,000 miles, diesel economy at . . . . .		<b>£5,995</b>
06	TOYOTA Celica 1.8 VVTi. In met blue, 68,000 miles, 1 private owner . . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £1000 TO</b>	<b>£4,995</b>
54	TOYOTA RAV4 2.0VVTi XT3. In silver, 89,000 miles, 2 owners with leather trim . . . . .		<b>£4,995</b>
05	PEUGEOT 307 Convertible Met. grey, low mileage example of this 4 seater convertible . . . . .		<b>£5,695</b>
02	MAZDA MX5 1.8 Nevada in met blue with grey leather sports seats, 52,000 miles, superb example. . . . .		<b>£4,995</b>
02	MERCEDES C180 Elegance Auto. In met-silver birch, 63,000 miles . . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £500 TO</b>	<b>£4,995</b>
56	SMART Four Two 700 Passion Automatic Convertible. In silver with black leather, heated seats, a/c . . . . .		<b>£4,695</b>
03	BMW 316i SE. In steel blue, low mileage, local car with a/c, alloys etc . . . . .		<b>£4,695</b>
05	SMART FourTwo 700, convertible. In silver, 23,000 miles, auto, a/c, multi cd . . . . .		<b>£4,495</b>
06	CHRYSLER PT Cruiser 2.4 Classic. In met grey, 41,000 mile American classic . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
53	SUBARU Impreza 2.0 GX Sport AWD Automatic. In met blue, 45,000 miles, superb value . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
91	VW Golf 1.8 Clipper convertible. In white with navy soft top, owned by VW enthusiast. . . . .		<b>£2,495</b>

#### SMALL, ECONOMICAL AND FAMILY CARS

07	FORD S-Max 2.0 TDCi Zetec. In silver, 61,000 miles, one owner, diesel 7 seater. . . . .		<b>£11,995</b>
07	TOYOTA Avenis 2.0 T Spirit. Leather, air con, etc, gunmetal grey met . . . . .		<b>£7,995</b>
07	FORD C-Max 2.0 Zetec Auto (New model). In met blue, low mileage example in excellent condition. . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
07	SEAT Ibiza 1.9 TDi FR 3-dr. In gun metal metallic, 51,000 miles, very lively diesel at . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
06	VW Beetle 2.0. In met blue, 49,000 miles with a/c etc . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
59	TOYOTA Aygo 1.0 Platinum 5-dr Auto. In silver, 10,000 miles, 1 owner . . . . .		<b>£6,995</b>
56	TOYOTA Avenis T3S 2.0-4D 5-dr. In sea mist silver, 73,000 mile diesel hatch at . . . . .		<b>£6,495</b>
07	RENAULT Scenic 1.6 Dynamic Auto In met-burgundy, superb example with only 25,000 miles . . . . .		<b>£5,995</b>
07	RENAULT Clio 1.4 Dynamique 3-dr. In met graphite, 21,000 miles with air con. . . . .		<b>£5,695</b>
54	FORD Focus 2.0 TDCi Titanium 3-Dr. In electric blue, 73,000 miles, fantastic MPG. . . . .		<b>£5,495</b>
06	VAUXHALL Meriva 1.3 Diesel Active. In met blue, 42,000 miles, low insurance + road tax . . . . .		<b>£5,295</b>
58	CHEVROLET Lacetti 1.6 SXi Estate Auto. met blue, 9,000 miles, manufacturers warranty	<b>REDUCED BY £500 TO</b>	<b>£4,995</b>
56	MITSUBISHI Lancer 1.6 Elegance Automatic. In met blue with black leather, 37,000 miles. . . . .		<b>£4,995</b>
04	TOYOTA Avenis 1.8 T3-S 5-dr. In met blue, 73,000 miles. . . . .		<b>£4,995</b>
04	PEUGEOT 206 2.0cc. In ice blue, 33,000 miles with full leather trim, 2 owners. . . . .		<b>£4,695</b>
06	CITROEN Picasso 2.0 Desire Auto. Blue, very desirable car, 38,867 miles . . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £800 TO</b>	<b>£3,995</b>
06	VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 Life 5-dr Automatic. In met black, 53,000 miles . . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £500 TO</b>	<b>£4,495</b>
06	VAUXHALL Meriva 1.4 Life In silver, 40,000 miles with CD, A/C etc. . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £500 TO</b>	<b>£4,495</b>
06	RENAULT Scenic 1.6 Expression in silver, low mileage example of this versatile model . . . . .		<b>£4,495</b>
05	CITROEN C4 1.6 HDi SX 5-dr. In light met blue, 67,000 miles, diesel economy at . . . . .		<b>£4,495</b>
06	HYUNDAI Getz 1.1CDX 5-dr. In black, 28,000 miles, superb example at . . . . .		<b>£4,295</b>
07	PEUGEOT 1007 1.4 'Delce'. In met bronze, 29,000 miles, electric sliding doors etc . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
06	PEUGEOT 206 1.4 Verve 5-dr. In electric blue, 61,000 miles with a/c, cd, alloys . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
55	VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Life 5-dr Auto. In met red, 33,000 miles, fantastic value at . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
04	FORD Fiesta 1.4 Silver 3-dr. 78,000 miles with full leather trim . . . . .		<b>£3,995</b>
07	CHEVROLET Matiz 1.0 SE. In silver, low mileage example with low running costs . . . . .		<b>£3,495</b>
05	ALFA ROMEO 147 1.6 Lusso 3-dr. In met blue, 56,000 miles, a/c, alloys. . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £1000 TO</b>	<b>£2,995</b>
54	RENAULT Megane 1.4 Authentique 5-dr. In met blue, 72,000 miles, 1 private owner with air con . . . . .		<b>£2,995</b>
53	VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2SXi. Met green, a/c, elec windows, very attractive car . . . . .		<b>£2,995</b>
03	RENAULT Clio 1.2 Dynamic 3-dr. In black, 68,000 miles, alloys, sunroof. . . . .		<b>£2,995</b>
52	VAUXHALL Vectra 1.8LS 5-dr. In silver, 83,000 miles, large family hatch. . . . .	<b>REDUCED BY £200 TO</b>	<b>£1,995</b>

#### 52 Audi TT Roadster '225'



In red with leather trim, 81,000 miles with Zenons, Bose multi CD etc.  
**£7,995**

#### 54 Ford Focus 2.0 TDCi Titanium 3-dr



In electric blue, 73,000 miles, fantastic MPG  
**£5,495**

#### 07 RENAULT Scenic 1.6 Dynamic Auto



In met burgundy, superb example with only 25,000 miles  
**£5,995**

#### 56 MITSUBISHI Lancer 1.6 Elegance Automatic



In met blue with black leather, 37,000 miles  
**£4,995**

**Broad Street,  
Barry**  
(Next to Barry train Station)

**01446 722600**

**RAC**  
WARRANTIES

**hpi**

**FINANCE PACKAGES TO SUIT ALL • 0% DEPOSIT FINANCE AVAILABLE • ALL CARS HPI CLEAR • PART EXCHANGE WELCOME • OPEN 7 DAYS CARS BOUGHT FOR CASH • ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS TAKEN**

**MULTI-PHOTOS AND FULL DESCRIPTION ON WEBSITE**  
**www.garywatsonmotorcompany.co.uk**

**blackhorse**





More strong running from Jason Davies.

## Police are beaten by table-toppers

**SOUTH WALES** Police travelled to table-topping (and unbeaten in the league) Resolven with a young team containing several youth players and players entering their first year at senior rugby.

However, from the start they showed their intention by running at the far bigger Resolven pack, then spreading the ball wide to the very fast and youthful backs.

Ill discipline saw the Police go three points down with a well taken penalty; however, good solid work from the Police saw the ball go through several pairs of hands before a well-timed kick saw wing Lee Roderick pick up beautifully to slide over in the corner.

The Police kept up the pressure and added another penalty from in-form Ryan Miles to increase their lead. Back

### RESOLVEN SOUTH WALES POLICE

47  
13

row Jason Davies was in tremendous form, attacking the home side on every occasion, while the front row of Stuart Elson, Gareth Thomas and Vernon Dladla did exceptionally well against the far bigger back.

However, it seemed only a matter of time before the far bigger Resolven back would dominate the game, and they controlled the ball with the rolling maul and the Police did well to go in only 20-8 down.

In the second half, the Police held on and showed lots of courage; the home side, however, showed lots of quality and scored some brilliant tries.

The Police added another try with wing Craig Chalmers going on a great run to dive over in the corner.

Man of the match was



Matt Pound on the attack. (Photos by Gareth Davies).

Jason Davies, while the tackle count of Craig Davies, Roderick and Miles was countless. In the forwards, Chris Price and Gary Money excelled with Steve Lyons showing all his experience.

Police travel next to Banwen on March 19 in a re-arranged fixture.

KM

## BRYNCETHIN'S UNDER-8s TAG THEIR WAY TO OSPREYS' SEMI

### Under 8s: Neath Athletic 3, Bryncethin 4

**WELL** done to the players of Bryncethin under-8s for reaching the semi-finals of the Ospreys half time tag tournament, after they played Neath Athletic in the quarter final at the Liberty Stadium on Saturday evening.

In a fast and furious paced game, Bryncethin took the early advantage by going two tries in front.

The Neath players responded well by scoring to narrow the lead, and in a ding-dong battle, tries were traded right until the final whistle, with Bryncethin holding on for a fantastic victory.

Try scorers: Rhys Williams (2), Miles Blakeman and Rhys Cawley.

**Bryncethin 10, Rummy 6** ON Sunday morning Bryncethin entertained Rummy in closely fought game, and the game was open and flowing.

Bryncethin took the early advantage, Ifan Hunnam scoring.

An entertaining first period came to a close with the scores tied at 3-3.

With the second period underway, the home side took hold of the game, and with quick attacks, they were able to take a 7-4 lead into the interval.

The final period got underway with Rummy mounting several attacks; yet more solid defending from Bryncethin saw them go on to a comfortable victory with 10-6 final score line.

Try scorers: Ifan Hunnam (3), Mike Gillette (2), Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman,

Rhys Cawley, Jake Whitefield and Rhys Williams.

Man of the weekend: Everyone – what a terrific performance from all the boys and girls!

**Squad:** Rhys Cawley (captain game 1), Will Laverick (captain game 2), Thomas Bassett, Shaun Batchelor, Miles Blakeman, Ben Daniel, Mike Gillette, Morgan Hughes, Ifan Hunnam, Jac Jervis, Hollie Morgan, Cory Ryall, Jake Whitefield and Rhys Williams.

### Under 10s: Bryncethin 28, Garw Valley 7

A SOLID first half saw the ball kept tight by both teams but it was the power of Aaron Thomas, Rhys Davies, Luke Board and Tobias Hunt that swung the game the way of the home team, while Josh Napper, Morgan Stevens and Finlay Mullens all showed up well in defence.

Scott Ryall powered over for the first try and his was shortly followed by another try, as Finlay Mullens put Ethan Hopkins into a gap that allowed him to brush aside would-be tacklers to score.

The second half again saw Bryncethin start quickly with match captain Joshua Thomas and Keiran Dixon both making good ground.

Daniel Osarigie used his pace to outstrip the covering defence to score in the corner, and he scored his second shortly after, following another flowing move.

All four Bryncethin tries were converted by Jack Thomas.

The Garw never gave up and were rewarded with a consolation try late on.

Try scorers: Scott Ryall,

Ethan Hopkins and Daniel Osarigie (2).

Man of the match: Scott Ryall – all round performance from Scott in both the tight and the loose.

**Squad:** Joshua Thomas (captain), Luke Board, Scott Ryall, Josh Napper, Aaron Thomas, Jack Thomas, Finlay Mullens, Daniel Osarigie, Morgan Stevens, Rhys Davies, Ethan Hopkins, Keiran Dixon and Tobias Hunt.

### Under-11s: Bryncethin 28, Rummy 42

RUMNEY scored four tries in the first half; however, at the half time whistle, the home side rallied to answer the battle call.

A fantastic try from Emyr Watkin, captain for the day, inspired his side to take control of their fate against a strong opposition.

Tries from Thomas Brown and Dafydd Evans started to show signs of a fightback that worried a strong Rummy side.

However the strength sapping work rate of the home side showed at the end, as Rummy finished off a solid performance with a final try to stem the resurgence of the home team.

Man of the match was won by Ryan Lovell, a high honour considering a performance where teamwork came first against individual exclusivity.

A number of candidates put their hands up for the accolade including Aaron Jones, Dafydd Evans, Iwan Veasey and Ryan Morgan; all other players should not be dismissed as this was a phenomenal team effort.

**Squad:** Emyr Watkin (captain), Jake Canton, Ryan Morgan, Thomas Brown, Emyr

Hunnam, Dafydd Evans, Iwan Veasey, Ryan Lovell (man of the match), Sam Shakeshaft, Owen Hart, Aaron Jones, Gethin Napper, Owen Pugsley and Stephen.

### Under 12s: Tonyrefail 34, Bryncethin 15

THE hosts opened the scoring, but Bryncethin responded well and Morgan Howells was able to put in some excellent tackles.

More good work from Morgan saw him show great pace to put the first points on the board for Bryncethin.

Throughout the game Tonyrefail were always a step ahead, with Bryncethin struggling to break through their defence.

This didn't stop them trying, though, and they were richly rewarded with two tries for Liam Morgan and Morgan Chard.

The second half started with Henry Clark and Jacob Walters showing fantastic commitment around the ruck area.

The defence stood up again with Nicholas Morgan putting in some super tackles.

All in all a very good game but unfortunately Bryncethin didn't put the points on the scoreboard when they had the opportunity. Man of the match: Morgan Howells.

**Squad:** Liam Morgan (captain), Iwan Davies, Conor Ford, Corey Rogers, Christian Jones, Aaron Mctyre, Sam Harding, Henry Clark, Morgan Howells, Morgan Chard, Jack Ladler, Nicholas Morgan, Josh Peters, Corey Booth, Jacob Walters, Owen Jones, Adam John and Carwyn Smith.

RH

## Leyshon Flint & Sons

• Motability

**The Only Independent Renault Dealer in Bridgend**

**QUALITY USED AND PART EX CARS ARRIVING DAILY.**  
Come and view or call us for latest.

### JUST ARRIVED

10 10 Renault Laguna Sport Tourer DCI 180, Dynamique. Black, 2,300 miles, climate control, 17" alloys ..... £15,995

### CLIO

08 Renault Clio 1.2 16v Freeway. Blue, 17,985 miles ..... WAS 7,995 NOW £7,395  
07 57 Renault Clio Dynamique SX. Silver, alloys, skirt kit, 19,000 miles ..... £6,995  
07 Renault Clio 1.4 16v Privilege. Black, 15,345 miles ..... £7,695  
07 Renault Clio Expression 1.4 5-dr. 1 owner, in blue, low mileage, air con, alloys, 24,500 miles ..... £5,995  
06 Renault Clio 1.4 16v Expression. Silver, 29,050 miles ..... WAS 6,995 NOW £6,495  
06 Renault Clio 1.2 16v Campus. Silver, 15,800 miles ..... WAS 5,695 NOW £5,495  
56 Renault Clio 1.2 16v Expression. Black, 5,900 miles ..... WAS 6,995 NOW £6,495  
56 Renault Clio 1.2 16v Extreme. Grey, 25,008 miles ..... WAS 6,995 NOW £6,495  
55 Renault Clio 1.2 16v Extreme. Blue, 20,395 miles ..... WAS 5,995 NOW £4,495  
05 55 Renault Clio Dynamique S 1.4. Blue, 33,000 miles ..... £5,495

### MEGANE

09 09 Renault Megane 1.5 DCi Dynamique. Grey, 39,000 miles ..... £9,495  
09 09 Renault Megane 1.5 DCi Dynamique. Black, 42,100 miles ..... £9,495  
57 Renault Megane 1.6 Dynamique c/cab. Grey, 38,975 miles ..... WAS 9,995 NOW £9,295  
56 Renault Megane 1.9 DCi Dynamique. Blue, 37,620 miles ..... WAS 7,295 NOW £6,995

### SCENIC

10 10 Grand Scenic DCi 1.9. 130 bhp, 21,000 miles, oyster grey, 7 seater, alloys, air con ..... £13,495  
06 56 Grand Scenic 2.0 Automatic. Silver, 34,000 miles ..... £7,495  
06 56 Scenic Dynamique. Blue with glass roof parking sensor, air con, cd, only 29,000 miles ..... £5,995

### MODUS

07 57 Modus 1.6 Dynamique Automatic S. Black, half leather, alloys, air con, cd, 32,000 miles ..... £6,495  
05 Renault Modus Dynamique Automatic. 40,000 miles in ruby red ..... £4,995

### TWINGO

09 Renault Twingo Extreme. Blue ..... £7,995  
09 Renault Twingo Extreme. Silver ..... £7,995  
08 Renault Twingo 1.2 16v Dynamique. A/c, black, 17,000 miles WAS 7,995 NOW £7,495

### EX DEMOS

10 10 Megane Coupe/Cabriolet Dynamique 1.9 DCi. Black, 5,000 miles ..... £20,995  
60 Megane Renault Sport 2.0 Turbo. 3-dr, white, 18" black alloys, 4,500 miles ..... £23,895

**For full car listing: www.leyshonflintandsons.co.uk**

PEN-Y-FAI SERVICE STATION, PEN-Y-FAI, BRIDGEND, MID GLAMORGAN CF31 4LL **T: 01656 649700**

## Leyshon Flint & Sons



**and a bit more.**



**FREE** mats, mud flaps and G3 protection system worth £399.99 when you order your **New 11 plate car with us!**

\*subject to terms and conditions



**And Find us on**

**facebook**

**Drive The Change With Us and Renault**  
The only independent Renault dealer in Bridgend

Pen-Y-Fai Service Station, Tonda Road, Bridgend

www.leyshonflintandsons.co.uk

01656 649700



\* not including Btu or Motability orders





# GEM sport

129 YEARS OLD RIVALRY WHERE THERE ARE NO HOLDS BARRED - AT LEAST FOR 80 MINUTES!

## Celtic cousins have a point to prove

**T**HE story begins 129 years ago at Lansdowne Road, Dublin, on January 28, 1882 – the day Wales and Ireland first clashed on the international rugby field (the Welsh tourists won that opener by two goals, the scoring method at the time).

'Clashed' is no understatement – for the ensuing 115 encounters have produced some notable, at times notorious moments, as passions boiled over in the heat of combat!

However, fierce rivalry between these close Celtic cousins should never be confused with enmity, as evidenced by many legendary tales of off-field camaraderie, not only between players, but the supporters of both camps over the years.

Even so, time after time Irish teams seemed to have reserved their best efforts to thwart Welsh hopes of a Triple Crown or Grand Slam at the final hurdle.

Wales almost returned the 'compliment' in 2009, when a typically seesaw match at the Millennium Stadium saw Stephen Jones' last-

### BACK PAGE COMMENT by Don John

gasp penalty fall agonisingly short and Ireland won 17-15, to claim their first Grand Slam for 61 years!

There was a nice irony in this, for in 2005 it was Wales that had overcome Ireland 32-20 in Cardiff to complete their first Grand Slam since 1978.

By and large, narrow margins have been a feature of matches between the two nations – notable exceptions being 2002, when Ireland won 54-10, and 1976, when Wales won 34-9.

However, the pendulum swung sharply towards the men in green during the years that followed Wales' golden era.

The measure of the challenge facing the Welsh team when they meet Ireland again at the Millennium Stadium on Saturday evening, is that in the last 10 years alone, the latter have won nine and Wales three of the 12 games played. Even so, the record books also reveal encouraging statistics, for the overall table reads: Wales 62 wins, Ireland 47, with six matches drawn.

Even more remarkably, Wales remain ahead on points – 1,329 to Ireland's 1,216, so all is far from lost!

Moreover, Warren Gatland's team know that Ireland's Six Nations campaign has so far failed to measure up to expectations, while Wales, too, have yet to fire on all cylinders; so the stage is set for yet another intensely close-fought encounter, with both teams having much to prove, while at the same time still nursing title hopes.

Former England captain Will Carling's comments that Gatland is enforcing a conservative style of play totally alien to the Welsh team and that James Hook should be "set free" at outside half, gave the team announcement on Tuesday an added piquancy.

In the event, the coach bowed to the media clamour for veteran Stephen Jones to make way for his younger rival, rather than stick with controlling midfield general Jones against an Ireland team expected to be masterminded by Irish equivalent, Ronan O'Gara?

Hook got the nod, presumably because he offers something different to Jones, so it would seem odd indeed if in fact he is instructed to play in a similar 'conservative' style!

In that sense, Carling had a point.

Gatland did resist bringing back fit again Ospreys prop Adam Jones for the expected fireworks against an Irish eight desperate to silence their own critics. The only other changes saw the expected return of Jonathan Davies and Leigh Halfpenny to the backline.

It promises to be yet another Celtic battle royal!

#### WALES TEAM TO FACE IRELAND:

Lee Byrne (Ospreys); Leigh Halfpenny (Blues), Jamie Roberts (Blues), Jonathan Davies (Scarlets) Shane Williams (Ospreys); James Hook (Ospreys), Mike Phillips (Ospreys); Paul James (Ospreys), Matthew Rees (Scarlets, capt), Craig Mitchell (Ospreys), Bradley Davies (Blues), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys) Dan Lydiate (Dragons), Sam Warburton (Blues), R Jones (Ospreys).

## A below par Bridgend Athletic grateful for share of the points

**B**RIDGEND Athletic paid the penalty for taking basement club Felinfoel too lightly.

Following a 40-15 home win, the club in general thought that they

only had to turn up to secure the points.

Despite no wins to date, Felinfoel do have seven losing bonus points indicating they are no pushovers and in the end, everybody conceded the Athletic had got out

Swalec League - Division 1	
FELINFOEL	19
BRIDGEND ATHLETIC	19

of jail in keeping their unbeaten league record since October 30, with a share of the points in a 19-19 draw.

There was no indication of the shock to come as in the second minute Athletic centre Stuart Morris charged down a kick inside his own half, gathered possession and sent fellow centre Jamie Olds sprinting from halfway to cross under the posts. Outside-half Steven Lewis converted.

Signs of what lay ahead came in the 10th minute as following a series of Athletic indiscretions at a 5-metre scrum, the referee awarded Felinfoel a penalty try which scrum-half Luke Walsh converted to level the scores at 7-7.

Outside-half Steven Lewis restored the Athletic lead with a well-taken penalty into the wind to notch up his century of points for the season.

Back came Felinfoel with a series of thrusts at the Athletic line, culminating in hooker Simon Delaney forcing his way

over. Marsh again converted to put the home side 14-10 ahead.

The Athletic should have had a second try, but with a three to one overlap, Felinfoel flanker Stuart Roberts deliberately knocked the ball forward to prevent the scoring pass going to hand. He was given a yellow card, but the Athletic were only awarded a penalty – when they thought that a penalty try was appropriate. Lewis slotted the penalty to reduce the half-time deficit to 13-14.

Five minutes after the restart, leading Athletic try scorer Lloyd Pemberton gathered a clearance kick inside his own half. He beat player after player, only to be deliberately tripped up by last defender wing Jordan Simmonite. The referee gave the Felinfoel player a straight red card for dangerous play.

Lewis kicked the resultant penalty to put the Athletic 16-14 ahead. With numerical advantage of 15 against 14 it

was felt the Athletic would now run away with the game. However, despite a further two yellow cards meaning for 20 minutes Felinfoel had only 13 players on the field, it was a gutsy display by the home side that kept them in the game.

They played a tight possession game creating a stranglehold on the ball the Athletic could not break. Their determined play was rewarded when from another series of close range surges at the Athletic line, prop Gareth Harvard dived over in the corner for a well-deserved Felinfoel try to put them 19-16 ahead.

On the occasions the Athletic did have possession they showed very poor judgement.

It was some relief when, on a rare attack, the Athletic were awarded a penalty with five minutes left wide out on their 22 metre line; Steven Lewis put over an excellent penalty to tie the scores.

The only players who enhanced their reputations on the day were 19-year-old flanker Lloyd Evans, who unfortunately had to be replaced at

half-time with a shoulder injury, veteran centre Stuart Morris and No 8 Tom Penry-Ellis, who is having an excellent season.

Worryingly, centre James Olds and captain Sean Williams were also injured during the game.

Next up for the Athletic is a rearranged fixture at home to UWIC, which takes place at 7.15pm on Tuesday, March 15 at the South Wales Police ground, Waterton Cross; the club would like to thank the Police for use of their lights and ground.

On the following Saturday, March 19, the Athletic host Llangennech at Newbridge Fields, kick-off 2.30pm.

AB

### Brynhill (Barry) Golf Club

#### PROMOTIONAL OFFER

**First 50 new members**

**£400**

Conditions Apply - JOIN NOW

Brynhill Golf Club,  
Port Road, Barry,  
CF62 8PN

enquiries@  
brynhill  
golfclub.co.uk

Telephone:  
01446 720277

www.brynhill  
golfclub.co.uk



### Family fun...



Induction or improvement  
**£15 PER LESSON**  
£42.50 for 3  
£80.00 for 6  
Why not Book a course?

- Nine-Hole Golf Course
- Pay & Play
- All-weather flood light driving range
- All equipment available for hire
- Professional Tuition
- Fitness and Leisure . . .
- The Healthy Option!

#### EXCELLENT VALUE

Weekdays: 9 holes £6.00,  
18 holes £9.00

Weekends and bank holidays:

Prices retained  
Tel: 01656 647926

We're easy to find - off A48,  
opposite Bridgend Ford



### happyembroidery.com

Happy Embroidery Ltd

**02920  
513865**



enquiries@happyembroidery.com

6 The Square, Dinas Powys, CF64 4BS

**Stag and Hen Do's**  
**Tour Shirts • T-Shirts**  
**Polo & Hoodies**  
**Screen Printing • Artwork**  
**Photos • Sportswear**  
**All Colours - All Sizes**

Search for your next used car, any make or model @

[www.wessexgarages.com/Cardiff](http://www.wessexgarages.com/Cardiff)

**2 YEARS WARRANTY**

**EVERY USED CAR**

**4 GREAT BRANDS ONE GREAT LOCATION!**



### DEAL OF THE WEEK

**3Yrs 0% Finance**

2010 10 PLATE KIA CEED 2 1.6 CRDI 5DR

£4391 Deposit  
**£11555** £199 per month



• 3167 miles • Silver

Ask for details. Terms and conditions apply.

### OVER 600 USED CARS IN GROUP STOCK

Nationwide delivery available

Wessex Garages are authorised & regulated by the Financial Services Authority

**wessexGARAGES**

PENARTH ROAD  
CARDIFF CF11 8TT  
**029 2034 3333**  
[www.wessexgarages.com](http://www.wessexgarages.com)